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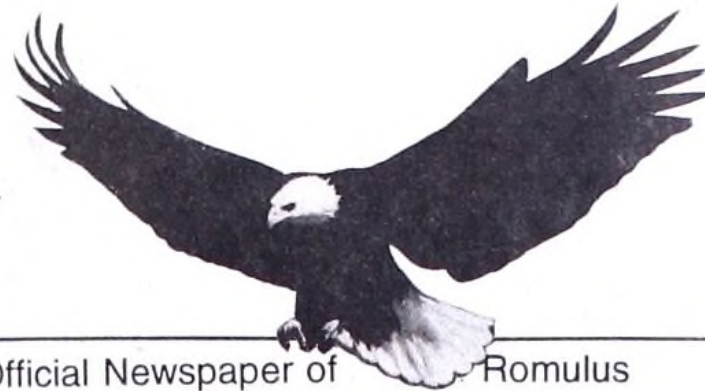
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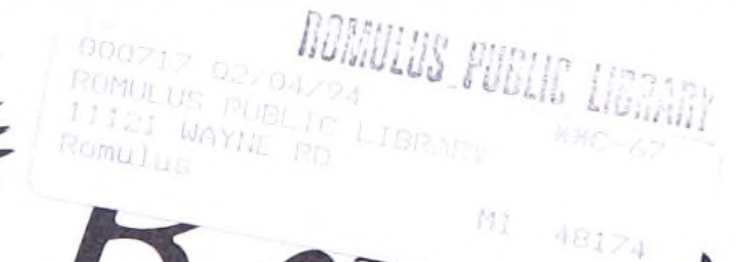


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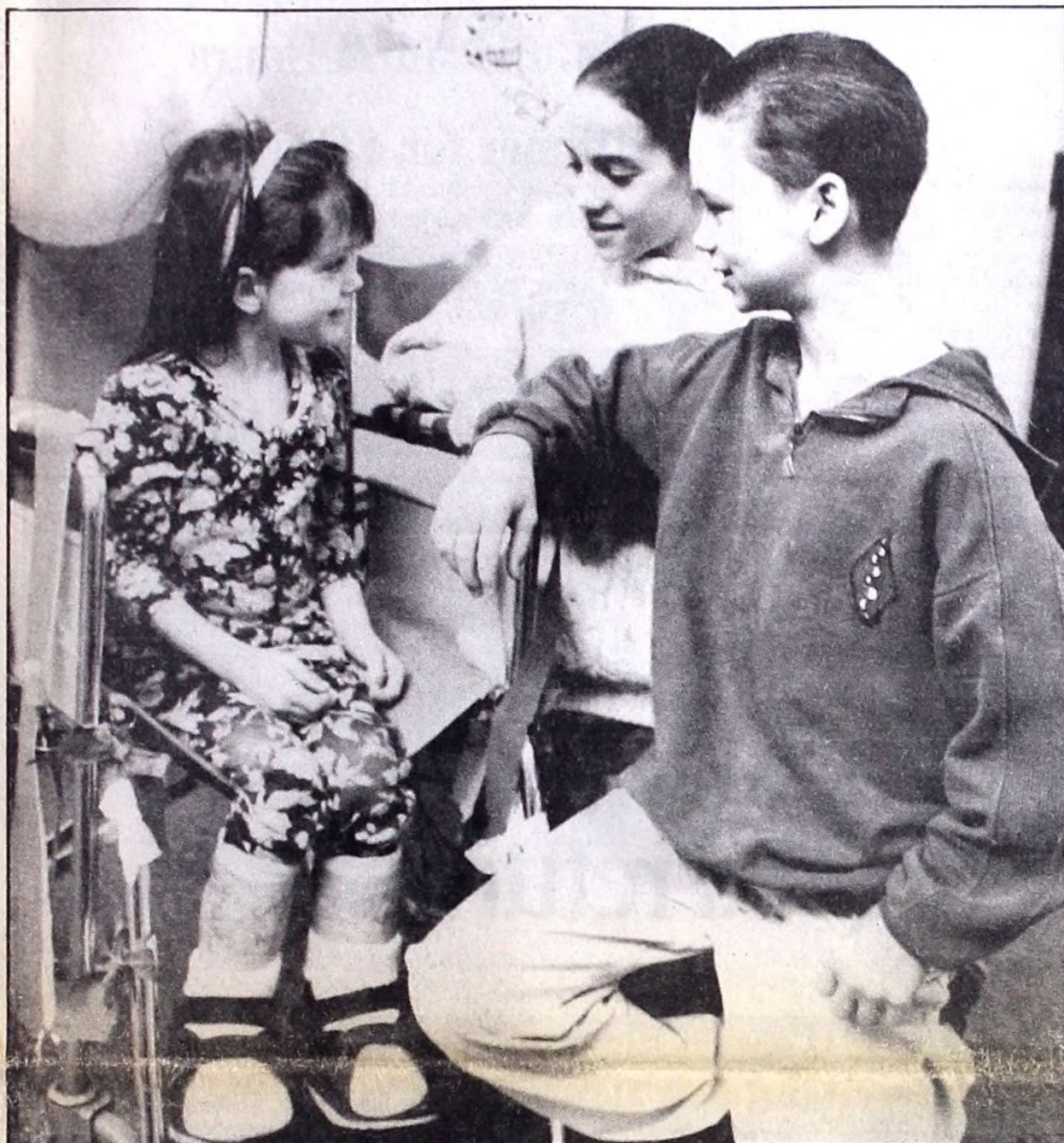
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Young Katrina Keating thanks her new volunteer Wick School helpers, Erin Jones and Charles Keith. The pair have been assisting Katrina—a cerebral palsy victim—around school in her borrowed wheelchair. ANP photo by Ken Garner

A class act Independence inspires students

By AL POST ANP Staff Writer

Katrina Keating is only 6 years old, but she won't let anything get her down...even cerebral palsy. Katrina, a first grader at Wick Elementary School, enjoys her classmates, but also prefers to show her independence...even if it takes a little longer. Recently Katrina was fitted with two "stretch casts" for her feet, to aid her prior to surgery. Katrina has been urged not to get the casts wet, so school secretary Carol Bales made arrangements to borrow a wheelchair from the high school. Katrina has become a school-wide favorite since October, Bales said, and her wheelchair quickly was

adorned with colorful balloons and two students, Charles Keith and Erin James, have become her volunteer aides. The wheelchair is used to get Katrina from a vehicle to the school building and later back to the vehicle without getting her feet wet, Bales said. It also was used last week, Bales said, when Katrina wanted to go outside while the weather was pleasant. "All we had to do was clean off the mud from the wheels later on," she said. Her mother, Kelly Zeestraten, said Katrina will have to wear the casts for six weeks or more in preparation for her July surgery. Her teacher, Dorothy Murray-West, said while her classmates strive to help her, Katrina is working to demon-

strate her independence. "While it takes her a lot longer to walk up to the main desk to get a tissue," the teacher said, "her actions inspire the class." Bales said Katrina's personality just "glows" when in the presence of classmates or staff members. The latest battle she is facing is just symbolic of the rest of her life, her mother explained, as she "allows nothing to hold her back...she plans to give life her fullest." It was exhibited recently when she sent a piece of artwork into a regional newspaper art contest and won a prize. She also enjoys "Country and Western" music, her mother said. Katrina's favorite entertainers are "The Judds."

Romulus teen slain in drive-by shooting

By AL POST ANP Staff Writer

The 17-year-old grandson of Jason Lovette, long-time treasurer of the Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce, was slain early Sunday morning, police said, while he was sitting inside a Whitehorn Street home that was "peppered" with gunfire. Romulus police said the victim, Bayete Z. Elrod, was shot about 2:35 a.m. Sunday, while at a party at that address. According to police reports, Elrod was seated in the front living room, when bullets crashed through the wall and windows. Elrod reportedly was hit in the "leg and torso," police said. He was transported to Annapolis Hospital in Wayne, where he was pronounced dead about an hour later. The shooting was described by police as "not a random drive by shooting" incident. A police spokesman said Elrod may not have been the intended target of the gunmen. At least eight other persons reportedly were in the Whitehorn home when police arrived, reports state. No one else was struck by the bullets. Early questioning of witnesses, police said, revealed that after the gunshots were heard, Elrod stood up and walked into the dining room area, where most of the gathered guests were standing. They said Elrod walked into the room and then collapsed. An incident in the home earlier could have sparked the shooting, police said. The home is at the intersection of Whitehorn and Rose-



Bayete Elrod

wood. Police declined to reveal the types of bullets found in the home. Two suspects were reportedly being questioned by police and two more are being sought. At this point, police said, the killing does not appear to be drug related. Elrod, a Romulus High School student, was born Sept. 5, 1975 in Wayne. His parents are Phyllis J. (Lovette) Elrod of Romulus and Brian M. Elrod of Farmington Hills. He was involved in Little League baseball and a youth group at his church, the Second Grace United Methodist Church of Detroit. He also was a former Cub Scout, musician and artist. Other survivors include his brother, Jusef L.J. Lovette of Detroit; his maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Jason (Ethel) Lovette of Romulus and his paternal grandfather, Joseph V. Tuma of Plymouth, Wis. Jason Lovette is a retired career U.S. Army officer and Ecorse school principal. He has been a long-time Romulus Chamber of Commerce board member and has served as treasurer for the past seven years. His wife is a retired Romulus school teacher. The funeral was at the Second Grace United Methodist Church of Detroit with the Rev. Anthony Cutting, church pastor, officiating. Interment was in Romulus Cemetery. Arrangements were completed by the Crane Funeral Home.

Suspect nabbed in dual killings

A 19-year-old Ypsilanti man has been arraigned on two first-degree murder charges in the slaying of a Kevin Jerome Searcy and Valerie Yvette Noel, both 25, in Sumpter Township. Dossie Lee Gulley Jr. of Ypsilanti was arraigned Monday in 34th District Court on two first-degree murder charges and a felony firearms count. A plea of not guilty was entered for the slaying suspect. No bond was set, and Gulley is currently in the Wayne County Jail awaiting an April 7 examination. Approximately one hour af-

ter the slaying, the suspect was apprehended by the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department. Apparently, earlier in the day Gulley had dropped off a young woman at Noel's home on Oakville-Waltz Road. According to witnesses, he left and returned later in the day to confront Searcy, whom they said was also dating the young woman. After allegedly shooting Searcy, the witnesses said Noel and the other woman attempted to calm him down. Another male who was at the scene fled at that time. Noel

attempted to make a phone call and was allegedly shot by the suspect. Reports indicate that Gulley then took the young woman and her two children, one of whom was his, as hostages and drove away. He was said to have threatened the young woman's life and his own before releasing her and the two children. There were five small children in the house earlier that day. Three of the children apparently slept through the incident, and were later removed from the home.

Principal: Don't let isolated fight tarnish school image

By AL POST ANP Staff Writer

Recently appointed Romulus Junior High School Principal Andrea Williams reacted strongly to the charges that discipline at the school was "out of control," because of a recent fist fight between two 13-year-old female students. Williams, who began as principal in January, was upset that the fight, which was joined into by about a dozen others, was rumored to be "gang related." City Police Juvenile Officer Rose Cooper said she currently is investigating the Feb. 25 attack and plans to question

"No school on earth gets through the year without some fights, and I feel it is a disservice to this school and its student body to say it is out of control."
Andrea Williams

up to 16 youths about the incident. Some may be charged with juvenile violations, Cooper said, since it appears most of those who joined in the fracas all centered their attacks on the same girl. But Cooper insisted that the attack was not gang related,

not racially inspired and involved no weapons. Asked what weapons "other than hands and feet" were used in the battle outside the school, Cooper said "nothing, except possibly school books." Cooper said the attack was "vicious" and the victim was later taken to a hospital emer-

gency ward for treatment of cuts and bruises. Williams praised the day-in and day-out actions of the student body of about 600, saying they are "well behaved and come focused on learning." Despite the fact the students have had three principals this school year and have studied on two separate campuses, the students have proceeded well, she said. "No school on earth gets through the year without some fights," Williams said, "and I feel it is a disservice to this school and its student body to say it is out of control." She said Assistant Principal



Andrea Williams

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ENGAGEMENTS

Alexander-Peters

Diane Marie Alexander and Wayne Stephen Peters will be married Aug. 6, 1993.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Ronald and Rita Alexander of Wayne. She is a graduate of Western Michigan University where she earned her bachelor of science degree. She is presently employed as a first-grade teacher at Parker Elementary School in Detroit.

The prospective groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Peters of Roseville. He is also a graduate of Western Michigan University where he earned his degree in business administration. He is presently employed as



Diane Alexander-Wayne Peters

a consultant at Financial Mortgage Corp. in Grosse Pointe Woods.

Lavender-Armbruster

Sherrell Lynette Lavender of Hanahan, S.C. and Andrew Allan Armbruster, formerly of Inkster, have announced plans to wed on July 24, 1993.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Darlene Lavender of Charleston, S.C. She graduated from R.B. Stall High School, Millie Lewis Modeling School and Charleston Cosmetology Institute.

She is employed by University Medical Associates of Charleston.

The future groom is the son of Beverly Armbruster of Inkster and Gary Armbruster of Westland.

A graduate of Cherry Hill High School, Armbruster is



Andrew Armbruster and Lynette Lavender

an employee of New York Carpet World of Charleston.

Knust-Jenks

Brenda M. Knust of Belleville and Rob J. Jenks of Horton have announced their plans to marry on April 17, 1993 at St. Anthony's Church in Belleville.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Ernie and Alene Knust of Belleville. She is a graduate of Aquinas High School, Southgate College in 1987 and Michigan State University in 1991.

Employed by J.C. Penney Stores, she is a member of Alpha Phi Omega and Huron Valley Conservation Association.

The future groom is the son of David and Carol-Ann Jenks of Horton.

He graduated from Luman Cristi High School, Jackson College in 1987 and Michigan State University in 1991.



Rob Jenks and Brenda Knust

He is employed with the Jackson Police Department and is a member of Alpha Phi Omega.

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Michigan Ave. in Wayne. Information can also be typed or neatly printed on a plain piece of paper and submitted through the mail.

Photographs may also be submitted with society notices. There is a \$5 charge for publishing photographs. Whenever possible submit a black-and-white photograph no larger than 5- by 7-inches.

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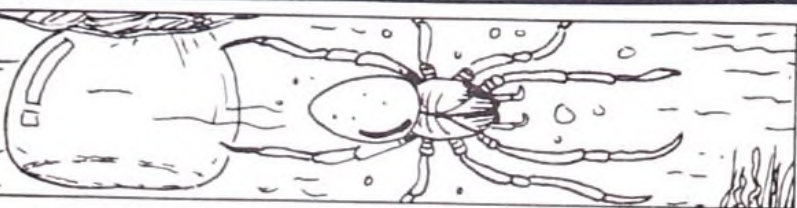
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ROMULUS NEWS DIGEST

Salvation Army faces new hearing

The Romulus Salvation Army Men's Rehabilitation Center has asked for a public hearing before the Romulus Planning Commission in preparation for the purchase of 36.92 acres at Middlebelt and Van Born Roads.

The hearing for a zoning change is slated for 7:30 p.m. April 19 in the city council chambers.

The current Army facilities on Goddard Road have been purchased by Wayne County for the planned Metro Airport expansion. The purchase agreement states the Army must vacate the premises within two years.

The Army, according to Capt. Roger Senn, plans "to build from the ground up" and is interested in buying wooded property similar to the site here owned by the American Freight System Inc. of Kansas.

The nearest neighbor of the wooded site is a gas station. Mayor Beverly McAnally lives several blocks away.

The Goddard Road site currently contains a men's rehabilitation center with housing for more than 100 men, a thrift store and a sorting center (for clothing, furniture and personal goods donated by the public) that supplies all of the local Army thrift stores.

Sales from the thrift centers are the main funding for the rehabilitation units.

Senn admits that purchase of the property is contingent upon the zoning change approval. The property is currently zoned Commercial 2 and M 1.

The Army needs approval by the City Council before the zoning can be changed. The Planning Commission hearing is a preliminary step prior to that action.

Library story time resumes

Spring story time has resumed at the Romulus Public Library with one session slated for 1 p.m. today.

Kim Potter, youth services librarian, said four more weeks of sessions at similar times are slated for April with the sessions to include stories, finger plays and crafts.

Potter said the program is aimed for children 3 years and older.

Registration and further information can be arranged by calling 942-7589.

Park workers being sought

Part-time positions for city park maintenance workers are now available through the Parks and Recreation Department.

Applications are available through the city personnel department at City Hall.

The jobs cover from 20 to 40 hour assignments and will be active from April through October. An excellent driving record is needed for such employees.

Pay scales are based on job skills and experience.

Further information can be obtained by calling 942-6852.

Senior director's actions cited

Marilyn Masters, director of the senior center, was cited in a recent letter from a local resident.

The letter directed to Dwayne Martin, director of the city recreation department, cited Master's actions during a recent senior citizen trip to Sault Ste. Marie.

The writer, Marilyn J. Lucas, cited Masters' "never ending energy" on behalf of the touring senior citizens. Lucas said Masters was continually showing highly motivated movies, playing bingo on the bus or distributing candy bars.

Despite snowy conditions, Lucas said, Masters caring efforts made the trip pass swiftly and she also assisted each bus rider as they climbed off the bus.

"I realize that our community is only what we make it," Lucas said. "But it is the caring and thoughtful people such as Masters that enhances our every day lives."



Romulus businessman Bill Crane (left) is congratulated on being selected the Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce Person of the Year by Rep. William Ford (D-Ypsilanti) at a dinner reception last Friday night. ANP photo by Larry Divizio

Crane honored by chamber

By AL POST
ANP Staff Writer

Romulus businessman Bill Crane was honored as the 13th annual Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce Person of the Year last Friday night.

Crane, owner and operator of the Crane Funeral Home, was cited by official Congressional Record, Michigan Legislature and Romulus City Council resolutions at the dinner attended by more than 160 individuals.

Crane was presented with a gold copy of the U.S. House of Representatives proclamation by Rep. William Ford (D-Ypsilanti), a Michigan Legislature resolution from State Rep. Gregory Pitoniak and a city resolution from Mayor Beverly McAnally.

McAnally was the award winner last year.

Ford told the gathering that Crane exemplifies the spirit President Bill Clinton outlined in his inaugural address, when he called upon citizens to devote themselves to service within their community.

"We in southeast Michigan

are extremely proud of the new Romulus Veteran's Memorial," Ford is quoted in the *Congressional Record* and "Crane, more than anyone, is responsible for its successful completion.

"When his neighbors have needed him, Crane has been there to share his talent and his energy. He is the pillar of the community and we are proud of him," Ford said.

Pitoniak, who became the Romulus spokesperson in the state legislature in January, presented Crane with House Concurrent Resolution No. 69 that cited Crane for his, "strong record of civic leadership and being named Person of the Year."

Crane is "not only an example for the citizens of his community, but also for people across the state," the Michigan House resolution declares.

Crane also was honored for his past roles of chairperson of the Downtown Development Authority and president of the Romulus Downtown Business Association.

Crane also was thanked for

his work with the school district Partnership for Education program.

Crane's community involvement also has included his present title of Romulus Rotary Club President and membership on numerous city and chamber committees.

Other speakers at the dinner included Mayor Beverly McAnally, Assistant Romulus School Superintendent Joel Carr, attorney Steve Trahey (who will succeed Crane as Rotary president in June), Gloria Chandler (one of his office workers), a friend Charles Foster, and his brother, Ed Crane.

Chamber President Mark Lewkowicz coordinated the festivities.

Chandler held the emotional spotlight of the evening as she praised Crane's work in his professional business.

"As I look out over the gathering tonight, I see several other persons, who like me have lost their fathers in recent months. It is heartwarming to know that someone like Bill can serve us during our times of greatest need," Chandler said.

Van Buren couple shares their auto crash experience in courts

By JOAN DYER-ZINNER
Belleville City Editor

Following their brush with death three years ago when a drunken driver struck their vehicle, Joyce and Harold (Speed) Gant have donated countless hours to anti-drunk-driving programs.

Their participation in the Victim Impact Panels, sponsored by the Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) earned the Gants runner-up status in the *Associated Newspapers, Inc.*-sponsored Person of the Year contest.

"It was important for us to turn a negative into a positive. It has been good therapy for us," said Joyce Gant. "We are only here by the grace of God."

The Van Buren Township residents both suffered serious injuries in the crash which resulted in many operations and months of therapy. He suffered contusions of the heart and kidney, seven fractured ribs and crushed bones in his left hand. She suffered a broken wrist, severe contusion

of her body and a break in a vertebrae.

The driver of the other vehicle was drunk and had no insurance or driver's license plus three previous drunken driving offenses. He was traveling the wrong way on a one-way street with no headlights when his vehicle struck the Gants' car.

"We've participated in the Victim Impact Panels in the 34th District Court for five months and in the 36th District Court in Detroit for two years," said Harold Gant, who noted that the panelists tell their stories to convicted drunk drivers, explaining how their lives and families were affected by the crashes.

"In 1992, the 36th District Court had 1,000 first-time offenders in attendance at the Victim Impact Panel presentations. Since that time, 94 percent of those attending have not been re-arrested. I think that says a lot for the program," said Joyce Gant. "It gives the convicted drunk driver an opportunity to see

the other side of the story, and to understand the impact of their actions."

"They don't understand how people could be injured for life or killed as a result of their driving. They need to understand that they are responsible for their actions," Harold Gant said.

The Gants receive all types of reactions from the offenders after their panel presentations - most of it very emotional.

"Sometimes there are hugs or hands placed on our shoulders. We can see the concern in their eyes," Joyce Gant said. "Sometimes, there are tears in their eyes. Some of them tell us they are sorry and reveal that they feel guilty."

"One woman just fell apart after the session. She told us how moved she was by our story and how sorry she felt. She said 'I could have hurt someone.'"

During the pre-graduation and pre-prom season, the Gants are busy bringing their message to high school students.

3 teens await court action

By AL POST
ANP Staff Writer

Three Romulus High School graduates face criminal diversionary hearings tomorrow in connection with the recent theft of \$30,000 worth of school district computers and software.

The trio includes two 19-year-old men, one a former president of the National Honor Society at the school, and an 18-year-old woman.

One male suspect was charged with larceny over \$100, while the other two were charged with receiving and concealing stolen goods.

Romulus Detective Cora Semrau reported the charges were filed after complaints were turned in by Romulus School Assistant Superintendent Joel Carr on Feb. 13.

Carr said the systematic thefts occurred at Wick Elementary School during the summer, while computers and software were being stored at that location because of renovation work at other schools.

More than \$23,000 worth of the stolen computers and parts have been recovered, Semrau reported. It is believed that

the remainder of the stolen goods have been sold.

The male accused of stealing the computers had been working at Wick School as a lunch room aide and was considered somewhat of a computer expert. Office staffers often called upon him to intercede in the computer system when technical problems occurred, police said.

The stolen computers were still in their cartons when stolen, police added.

But the accused apparently took out an advertisement in a shopping guide and the ad was spotted by a representative of the computer company working with Romulus schools, Semrau said.

Police reports also state that part of the stolen loot was recovered from a Ypsilanti area dumpster, when the accused thief found out police were looking for him.

The trio will appear in Wayne County Court tomorrow to see if they are eligible to enter the diversion program.

If approved, they will be asked to reimburse the school district for the stolen items, be placed on probation and submit to random drug testing.

Religious services planned on Friday

Three Protestant Romulus churches will team up on Good Friday for a special Lenten service.

Pastors and choral groups of all three churches will take part in the 1 p.m. service at the Community United Methodist Church.

The participating pastors will be the Rev. J.D. Landis of the United Methodist Church, the Rev. Mike McClellan of the Romulus Wesleyan Church

and the Rev. Neil Swanger of the Ball Road Tabernacle.

The host church is located at Bibbins and Olive streets. The service is open to Christians of all faiths.

Landis said that a Palm Sunday service also is planned at 11 a.m. April 4 and palms will be distributed to those attending the service. Landis reminds area residents that Sunday also will be the first day of Daylight Saving.

Millage vote Monday

By MARGO DEWEY
ANP Feature Editor

Residents in the Wayne-Westland School District will decide April 5 whether or not they can afford the proposed millage reduction from 7.75 to 6 mills.

The Wayne-Westland board of education approved the lowering of the operational millage rate. This would bring the overall operating millage down from 47.12 to 46.65, according to Wayne-Westland School District Superintendent Dr. Larry Thomas.

"There are two proposals on the ballot in April," Thomas

said. "The first proposal asks the community for a reduction in their operating millage renewal, and the second proposal asks the community for an override of the Headlee Amendment in order to keep the maximum amount of state funding in the district."

The 7.75 mills will expire on June 30. If Wayne-Westland residents decide to approve the 6 mills but not the Headlee Override, the Wayne-Westland district will have an estimated deficit of \$3.5 million from the loss of state monies and will be forced to make program cuts to balance the budget, according to Thomas.

Fight

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Melvin Kimbrough, the hall monitor and several students helped break up the fight without any major problems.

She said she recently informed Cooper that apparently several of those asked by school authorities to help break up the fight were later incorrectly listed as participants.

The principal said the two main antagonists were suspended for three days and others were suspended for 10 days.

Williams said she feels the current single female hall monitor is sufficient for our needs. "But if parents want a second monitor, I would recommend a male...so that both restrooms could be checked when needed."

The principal encouraged parents to attend the 7 p.m. April 20 Parent Teacher Association meeting at the Junior High School.

"Usually only about five parents show up," Williams said, and that dismayed her somewhat when the complaints about school discipline arose.

Parents, who complained at a recent school board meeting, were invited to visit the school any time during any day, Williams said.

Three parents took up the invitation last Friday and remained about an hour, the principal said. "Nothing out of the ordinary was seen," she said.

Williams also expressed pride in the growing involvement of the business community at the school. At least 11 business leaders have joined the school Partnership for Education program.

To date, special luncheons have been sponsored by the partners to acknowledge student successes and a number of the partners have served as judges in recent Black History and Science Fair events.

Williams said she is looking forward to having more parental involvement in the school.



Harold and Joyce Gant dedicate lives to halting drunk driving. ANP photo by Larry Divizio

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

SEND INFORMATION-- Items for the "Community Calendar" should be submitted in writing no later than noon Thursday to Community Calendar, Associated Newspapers, P.O. Box 578, Wayne, Mich 48184. Each calendar event should be listed on a separate piece of paper. For more information, phone our news room at 729-4000.

Thursday in the Romulus Recreation Building. Quilters from beginners to advanced are invited to attend \$1 fee per evening. No advance registration is required. For more information call 942-6852.

CANTON DEMOCRATIC CLUB-- members meet the fourth Wednesday of the month at Cherry Hill School, corner of Ridge and Cherry Hill roads in Canton Township. For more information call 397-0545.

ALZHEIMER'S CARE-GIVERS-- a new support group for Alzheimer's caregivers will meet from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. on the third Tuesday of every month at St. John Neumann, 4480 Warren Road in Canton Township. All meetings are free and everyone is welcome. For more information phone Rosemarie Shim at 697-8051 or Anna Lilla at the Alzheimer's Association at 557-8277.

THE ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION-- DETROIT AREA CHAPTER-- is seeking volunteers to assist with an adult day care program for persons with a memory impairment. There are weekday and weekend hours available. Volunteers provide companionship and assist with simple recreational activities. Persons interested in this program should call 557-8277.

THE MICHIGAN CHAPTER OF THE NATIONAL SCOLIOSIS FOUNDATIONS-- meets at 7:30 p.m. the third Thursday of each

month in the New Administration Building Conference Dining Room at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak. For more information call 398-6346.

A.C.E.S.-- the Association for Children for Enforcement of Support for people having trouble collecting child support meets at 7:30 p.m. the last Tuesday of each month at the Downriver Community Conference Building, room 181, 15100 Northline Road in Southgate, east of Allen Road, near St. Aquinas High School.

AEROBICS CLASSES-- for women, men and families are offered from 6 to 7 p.m. at the YWCA of western Wayne County, 26279 Michigan Ave., Inkster. Come as often as you like Mondays and Thursdays. Each session is \$2 for members and \$2.50 for non-members. To register or for more information call 561-4110.

TOASTMASTERS PUBLIC SPEAKING CLUB-- Learn communication and leadership skills at The Holy Smoke Masters Toastmas-

ters Club of Champions in the friendly atmosphere of support. The Holy Smoke Masters meet at 6 p.m. Thursdays in Denny's of Westland at 7725 N. Wayne Road.

The group is offering Speechcraft at 6 p.m. from April 15 through June 17 at Denny's Restaurant located near Warren and Cowen roads in Westland. For more information call 455-1635.

THE ADVOCATES TOASTMASTERS CLUB-- meets every Monday at 7 p.m. at St. Matthew Lutheran Church, 5885 Venoy Road, one block north of Ford Road. For information phone 728-4774 or 721-1058.

PARENTS WITHOUT PARTNERS DOWNRIVER CHAPTER 369-- meets at the Royce Hotel in Romulus the first, third, and fifth Wednesday of each month. Orientation for new members begins at 8 p.m. The general meeting begins at 8:30 p.m. A dance at 9 p.m. follows each meeting. There will also be a Bunny Hop from 7:30 to 8 p.m. April 10. The cost is \$3 for members and

\$5 for non members. For more information call 941-4017 or 783-3274.

PARENTS WITHOUT PARTNERS ANN ARBOR CHAPTER-- members have planned an orientation meeting at 7:30 p.m. April 6 and at 1 p.m. April 25. The group has scheduled a Varsity Dance at the Elks Club, 325 Eisenhower Drive in Ann Arbor from 9 p.m. until 1 a.m. April 30. Cost is \$4 for members and \$5 for guests. Meetings are open to the public. There is a

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THE HOLLIDAY NATURE PRESERVE-- A general meeting will be at 7:30 p.m. April 14 and May 12 at the Livonia Civic Center Library. First Day of Spring walk in the preserve will be at noon April 10. Earth Day and Arbor Day will be recognized at 10 a.m. April 24 at the Newburgh Road entrance of the park. A Holliday Preserve Wildflowers walk will begin at 10 a.m. April 25 at the Cowen Road entrance. Another Wildflower Walk will be at noon May 1. Wear old boots and shoes. Bird Banding Demonstration will be from 9 a.m. to noon May 8 and May 15 following the trail from Koppernick Road entrance west of Hix Road and south of Joy Road. Wildflower Mother's Day Walk will be at 10 a.m. May 9 at the Cowen Road entrance. Rouge Rescue clean up begins at 8 a.m. June 5. For more information call 467-5127.

THE FIFTH ARMY ASSOCIATION-- Veterans of the Italian Campaign during World War II are planning a tour of battlefields of that campaign in the fall of 1993. Information is available at: The Fifth Army Association, Canton Township, Sec., 465 Shore Road, Long Beach, N.Y. 11561, Suite 7P.

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Notice is hereby given that the Romulus City Council has scheduled a Public Hearing to be held Monday, May 10, 1993 at 7:00 p.m. in the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174-1485 for the purpose of discussing the FY 1993-1994 Budget. Said Budget is available for inspection in the Clerk's office, Monday through Friday between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

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ROMULUS PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC NOTICE

The Romulus Planning Commission has scheduled a Public Hearing to be held Monday, April 19, 1993 at 7:30 p.m. in the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174. The purpose of the hearing is to consider a request to rezone a 36.92 acre parcel of property located near the Southeast corner of Middlebelt and Van Born Roads from C-2 (General Business) and M-1 (Light Industrial) to RM (Multiple Family) for an adult rehabilitation center with ancillary building and program use.

Shaded area indicates proposed rezoning site.

All interested citizens are encouraged to attend and will be given an opportunity to comment on said rezoning. Written comments may be submitted no later than 12:00 noon, Monday, April 19, 1993 and directed to the attention of David Paul, Director of Building, Safety, and Engineering at the above address.

Linda R. Choate, CMC Clerk
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**CITY OF ROMULUS
APPENDIX B
CHAPTER 38
ROMULUS EMPLOYEES PENSION PLAN**

An Ordinance to Amend City of Romulus Code of Ordinance by the Establishment of a New Chapter to be Known as Chapter 38, to Provide For City of Romulus Employees Pension Plan.

THE CITY OF ROMULUS ORDAINS:

Section 1: Short Title

This ordinance shall be known and cited as the amended Romulus Employees Pension Plan.

Section 2: That the following sections shall be added to read as follows:

Section 38-1-2. Definitions.

(l) "Committee" means the Pension Committee described in Division 1 of Article VI of the Plan.

(t) "Normal Retirement Date" means:

(i) with respect to Police Command Officer Participants,

(a) age 55 for Police Command Officer Employees terminating employment prior to July 1, 1990;

(b) on and after July 1, 1990, age 50 with 20 years of service;

(c) provided that for Police Command Officer Employees employed on July 1, 1990, Normal Retirement Date means the date such employee completes 20 years of service with the City or a combination of up to five years of service with any other police department plus enough years of service with the City to equal a total of 20.

(ii) with respect to POAM Participants, age 50 with 20 years of service or age 55 with 8 or more years of service.

(iii) with respect to Teamsters Participants, any age with 25 or more years of service.

(iv) with respect to AFSCME Participants, any age with 25 or more years of service.

(v) with respect to all others, age 50 and 20 months of service (as described in Section 38-4-6(b)).

Section 38-2-1. Eligibility.

Each Employee who was a Participant in the Plan on November 30, 1989 shall be a Participant on the Effective Date. On and after the Effective Date of this Plan:

(1) each Court Employee who is a member of the 34th District Court Employees Association shall become a Participant the first day after completing 120 working days of employment with the 34th District Court;

(2) each other Employee shall become a Participant in Plan on the date such Employee is first employed by the City provided that no POAM Employee first employed or rehired after September 23, 1991 shall become a Participant in this Plan, and provided further that each POAM Employee who becomes a Police Command Officer Employee shall become a Participant in the Plan on the date such Employee becomes a Police Command Officer Employee if such Employee elects to become a Participant pursuant to Section 38-2-5 below. Except as otherwise provided in Section 38-2-5, after an Employee becomes a Participant, participation in the Plan shall continue until the Employee's employment with the City is terminated.

Section 38-2-3. One-Time Election.

Each Employee who was not a Participant in the Plan on the Effective Date and each Employee hired after the Effective Date who is eligible to participate under Section 38-2-1 shall have an election to decline to participate in this Plan. Such election must be made in writing on a form furnished by the Committee not later than the latter of (1) 60 days after the date this Plan is finally adopted as an ordinance for the City or (2) 30 days after the date such Employee becomes eligible to participate under Section 38-2-1 above. In the event an Employee elects not to participate, such election may not be changed while such Employee is employed by the City, provided that if such an Employee is rehired after the one year anniversary of his termination of employment, such Employee shall be eligible to participate upon satisfying the eligibility requirements of Section 38-2-1 above, and may again elect to decline to participate. The ability to elect to decline to participate, and this Section 38-2-3, is repealed effective July 1, 1993.

Section 38-2-5. Participation in MERS.

(a) Each Participant on July 1, 1990 who is a POAM Participant or a Police Command Officer Participant shall elect by a date specified by the Committee whether to continue as an active Participant in this Plan or to become an Inactive Participant and to become a participant in the Michigan Municipal Employees Retirement System ("MERS") effective June 1, 1991. If such Participant elects to continue as an active Participant, the terms of this Plan, as amended from time to time, shall govern, and the City and such Participant shall continue to make the contributions described in Section 38-3-1, or such other rate as may be required pursuant to any future collective bargaining agreement.

If such Participant elects to become an Inactive Participant and to participate in MERS, then:

(1) No future City or Participant Contributions shall be made to this Plan on behalf of such Participant (except as may be provided by Section 38-2-5(b) below);

(2) Such Participant's City Contribution Account shall be used, in aggregate with the City Contribution Accounts of all other transferring Participants, to purchase past service under the MERS plan from the date each such transferring Participant was first hired by the City to the date of such transfer. Any amount of aggregate City Contributions of transferring Participants which remains after purchasing MERS past service shall be used, first, to pay administrative and legal expenses incurred in connection with the transfer to MERS and next, shall be reallocated to the City Contribution Accounts of all Participants transferring to MERS in the ratio that each such Participant's City Contribution Account bears to the total City Contribution Accounts of all such Participants, determined immediately before such transfer.

(3) Thereafter, transferred Participants shall participate in this Plan only by directing investments and receiving allocations of earnings, losses and administrative expenses on their reallocated City Contribution Accounts, their Participant Contribution Accounts, and their After-Tax Contribution Accounts, if any, and by receiving distributions in accordance with this Plan.

(b) A POAM Participant who transfers to MERS or a

POAM Employee who is not a Participant in this Plan may elect to remain a MERS Participant or to become a full Participant in the Plan upon promotion to the status of Police Command Officer Employee. Such election must be made in writing on a form furnished by the Committee not later than 30 days after the date such Employee becomes a Police Command Officer Employee. Such Employee's election may not be changed while the Employee is employed by the City, provided that if the Employee is rehired after the one year anniversary of his termination of employment, the Employee shall be eligible to participate upon satisfying the eligibility requirements of Section 38-2-1 above.

Section 38-3-1. City Contributions.

The City shall contribute to the Trust for each Plan Year the following amounts:

(a) Ten (10%) percent of Compensation for POAM Participants and Court Participants, and

(b) Five (5%) percent of Compensation for all other Participants. Effective July 1, 1990, the City shall contribute to the Trust for each Plan Year the following amounts:

(i) Ten (10%) percent of Compensation for Court Participants;

(ii) Seven and one half (7.5%) percent of Compensation for POAM Participants who are not Inactive Participants described in Section 38-2-5;

(iii) Eight (8%) of Compensation for Police Command Officer Participants, provided that for the period July 1, 1990 to December 31, 1990 City Contributions shall be five (5%) percent of Compensation for Police Command Officer Participants and for the period January 1, 1991 through June 30, 1991 City Contributions shall be eleven (11%) percent of Compensation for Police Command Officer Participants; and

(iv) Five (5%) of Compensation for all other Participants, provided that the amount of City Contributions may be amended from time to time in accordance with Section 38-9-2 for Participants covered by a collective bargaining agreement and by resolution of the City Council in accordance with Section 38-9-1 for all other Participants.

Section 38-3-2. Participant Contributions.

The City shall reduce the Compensation of all Participants except POAM Participants and Court Participants by five (5%) percent and shall contribute such five (5%) percent to the Trust for each Plan Year. Effective July 1, 1990, the City shall reduce the Compensation of Participants as follows:

(a) Zero (0%) percent for Court Participants;

(b) Two and one half (2.5%) percent for POAM Participants who are not Inactive Participants described in Section 38-2-5;

(c) Six (6%) percent for Police Command Officer Participants, provided that for the period July 1, 1990 to December 31, 1990, such reduction shall be five (5%) percent of Compensation for Police Command Officer Participants and for the period January 1, 1991 through June 30, 1991, such reduction shall be seven (7%) percent of Compensation for Police Command Officer Participants; and

(d) Five (5%) percent of Compensation for all other Participants, provided that the amount of Participant Contributions may be amended from time to time in accordance with Section 38-9-2 for Participants covered by a collective bargaining agreement and by resolution of the City Council in accordance with Section 38-9-1 for all other Participants.

Effective October 7, 1990 such contributions shall be paid ("picked up") by the City in lieu of being paid by the Participant. Such amounts paid by the City shall be designated as City Contributions for purposes of any tax treatment of the contributions, provided that such contributions shall be accounted for separately under the Plan as Participant Contributions. Participant Contributions made to the Trust prior to October 7, 1990 shall not be designated as City Contributions but shall be treated as After-Tax Contributions for all purposes under this Plan.

Section 38-3-3. After-Tax Contributions.

Each Participant may elect, by entering into a payroll deduction agreement with the City, to make voluntary after-tax contributions to the Plan in an amount equal to any percentage of his Compensation up to ten percent (10%), provided that effective July 1, 1990, the maximum After-Tax Contributions for Police Command Officer participants shall be four percent (4%). Such After-Tax Contributions shall not be deducted from the Participant's Compensation for the purpose of calculating taxes on such Compensation in the Plan Year of the contribution. The Committee shall adopt such rules governing the time and manner for making the election, and the number of elections which may be made in a Plan Year, as it deems advisable in its discretion.

Section 38-4-7. Valuation of Funds and Allocation of Earnings and Expenses.

As of each Valuation Date, and subject to Section 38-5-9(g)(v) the Trustee shall determine the fair market value of the Trust Fund after deducting withdrawals, distributions and any expenses of Plan administration paid out of the Trust and not allocated as described in the next paragraphs, excluding from such valuation any contributions and forfeitures for the period ending on such Valuation Date. In determining such value, the Trustee shall use such generally accepted methods and bases as the Trustee, in its discretion, shall deem advisable. If the Trustee declines or is unable to determine the fair market value of any asset in the Trust Fund, the fair market value thereof shall be determined by the Committee, using such bases and methods as the Committee, in its discretion, shall deem advisable. The judgment of the Committee as to the fair market value of any asset shall be conclusive and binding on all persons. If the fair market value of the Trust Fund so determined on the current Valuation Date including any suspense account established pursuant to Section 38-4-5 (excluding contributions made since the last preceding Valuation Date) is greater or less than the total amount of all Participants', former Participants' and Beneficiaries' Adjusted Account Balances, plus such suspense account balance, as determined on the preceding Valuation Date the difference shall be allocated among such Account Balances (excluding any suspense account) proportionately in the ratio that each such Account Balance bore to the total of all such Account Balances on the last preceding Valuation Date (subtracting for purposes of determining such ratio of Account Balances on the last preceding Valuation Date, all distributions made from such Accounts during the period commencing on the last preceding

Valuation Date and ending on the current Valuation Date).

Commencing December 1, 1991, fees and expenses of any third-party administrator retained by the Committee shall be paid out of the Trust and allocated to Participants' Accounts, provided that the account of newly hired Participants shall not be charged with any expenses until:

(a) for the period December 1, 1991 through January 31, 1992, such Participant's account reaches the sum of \$1,000.00, and

(b) after January 31, 1992, such Participant has been a Participant for six full months. Such fees and expenses shall be allocated to the accounts of the remaining Participants in an amount determined by dividing the total of such fees and expenses by the number of remaining Participants, and by reducing each type of account established for each Participant by a proportional share of that Participant's portion of such fees and expenses. Legal fees and expenses and any other expenses of Plan administration except Trustees' fees and expenses or fees and expenses of any investment manager appointed to manage investment of the Trust Fund shall be allocated to Participants' accounts in the same manner as provided for fees and expenses of the third-party administrator, commencing at such time as the Plan's administrative account is reduced to \$5,000.00. For purposes of this Section 38-4-7, the Plan's administrative account means the balance of forfeitures held by the Plan which were recovered upon termination of Manufacturers Life Insurance Contract Number 75267 which remain after payment of expenses of termination of such contract and adoption of this Ordinance, and forfeitures of City Contribution Accounts in accordance with Section 38-5-4(a) which have been added to the Plan's administrative account. Trustees' fees and expenses and the fees and expenses of any investment manager appointed to manage investment of the Trust Fund shall be paid out of and charged against the Trust Fund prior to the allocation of earnings, losses, and other expenses, as provided in the first paragraph of this Section 38-4-7.

Section 38-5-2. Payments on Death.

(a) Upon the death of a Participant, the Committee shall promptly notify the Trustee in writing of the Participant's death and the name of his Beneficiary (or Spouse, if applicable) and shall direct the Trustee to make payment of the Adjusted Balance of the Participant's Accounts (reduced by any security interest held by the Plan by reason of a loan outstanding to a Participant as of the date of his death pursuant to Section 38-5-9) as of the Valuation Date coinciding with or immediately preceding the date distribution is made to his Beneficiary or Spouse.

(b) Each Participant shall have the right to designate in writing on a form provided by the Committee a person or persons or entity as Beneficiary to receive the death benefit provided under this Section 38-5-2. Successive designations may be made, and the last designation received by the Committee prior to the death of the Participant shall be effective and shall revoke all prior designations. If a designated Beneficiary shall die before the Participant, the Beneficiary's interest shall terminate, and, unless otherwise provided in the Participant's designation if the designation included more than one Beneficiary, such interest shall be paid in equal shares to those Beneficiaries, if any, who survive the Participant. A Participant to whom this subsection applies shall have the right to designate different Beneficiaries to receive the Adjusted Balance of his Accounts under the Plan and shall have the right to revoke the designation of any Beneficiary without the consent of the Beneficiary.

Section 38-5-4. Payments on termination for other reasons.

(a) Upon the termination of a Participant's employment with the City for any reason other than retirement on or after his Normal Retirement Date, death, or permanent disability, the Committee shall notify the Trustee in writing of the termination and shall direct the Trustee to make payment of the Adjusted Balances of his Participant Contribution Account and his After-Tax Contribution Account and the vested portion of the Adjusted Balance of his City Contribution Account as of the Valuation Date coinciding with or immediately preceding the date distribution is made to the Participant. The vested portion of a Participant's City Contribution Account shall be determined in accordance with Section 38-4-6. The non-vested portion, if any, of the Adjusted Balance of his City Contribution Account shall be retained in his City Contribution Account until the end of the Plan Year in which the termination of employment occurs, at which time the amount in such Account shall be deemed a forfeiture and shall be applied to pay administrative expenses of the Plan or reduce the City Contribution for that Plan Year provided that if the Committee determines that such Participant is likely to be rehired or reinstated within the next twelve months, such non-vested portion shall be retained in his City Contribution Account until the end of the Plan Year following the Plan Year in which termination of employment occurs, at which time it shall be deemed a forfeiture if such Participant has not been rehired or reinstated. Notwithstanding anything in this plan to the contrary, the provisions of this Section 38-5-4(a) and Section 38-5-5 shall apply to vested terminated participants who have not received the distribution of their entire pension benefits as of the date of the initial adoption of this ordinance.

(b) If a Participant who has terminated employment with the City and received a distribution pursuant to this Section returns to employment with the City, any amount forfeited pursuant to (a) above shall be reinstated to his City Contribution Account upon repayment by the Participant of the Participant Contribution portion of the distribution. Such repayment must be made before the first anniversary of the date on which the Participant is reemployed by the City. Upon a subsequent termination of employment or retirement, the Participant's vested interest shall be determined in accordance with the foregoing vesting schedule as if no termination of employment had occurred.

Section 38-5-6. Limitation on distributions.

(iii) For purposes of this subsection (c), the Required Distribution Date means the April 1 following the later of (A) the calendar year in which the Participant attains age 70 1/2, or (B) the calendar year in which the Participant retires.

Section 38-5-8. Direct rollovers.

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A Participant or the Participant's Spouse who is otherwise receiving an Eligible Rollover Distribution as defined in this Section 38-5-8 may elect to have the distribution paid, in whole or in part, directly to an Eligible Retirement Plan pursuant to the terms and provisions of this Section 38-5-8.

(a) Definitions. For purposes of this Section 38-5-8, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

(i) "Eligible Retirement Plan". "Eligible Retirement Plan" means an individual retirement account described in Code Section 408(a), an individual retirement annuity (other than an endowment contract) described in Section 408(b), a qualified plan described in Section 401(a) if it is a defined contribution plan which permits the acceptance of rollover distributions, or an annuity plan described in Section 403(a).

(ii) "Direct Rollover". A "Direct Rollover" is an Eligible Rollover Distribution that is paid directly to an Eligible Retirement Plan for the benefit of the Participant or the Participant's Spouse.

(iii) "Eligible Rollover Distribution". An "Eligible Rollover Distribution" means any distribution of all or any portion of the balance to the credit of the Participant in the Plan subject to the following exceptions:

(A) Any distribution that is one of a series of substantially equal periodic payments (paid not less frequently than annually) paid over any one of the following periods: the life of the Participant (or the joint lives of the Participant and the Participant's designated beneficiary), the life expectancy of the Participant (or the joint life and last survivor expectancy of the Participant and the Participant's designated beneficiary), or a specified period of ten (10) years or more;

(B) Any distribution to the extent the distribution is required under Code Section 401(a)(9) relating to the minimum distribution requirements;

(C) The portion of any distribution that is not includable in gross income (i.e. After-Tax Contributions). An Eligible Rollover Distribution does not include the portion of any distribution that is excludable from gross income under Code Section 72 as a return of the employee's investment in the contract.

(D) Loans treated as distributions under Code Section 72(p) and not excepted by Section 72(p)(2);

(E) Loans in default that are deemed distributions;

(F) The P.S. 58 costs of life insurance coverage; or

(G) Similar items designated in revenue rulings, notices, and other guidance from the Treasury Department of general applicability.

(b) Procedures. If a Participant follows the procedures set forth below, then the distribution shall be paid as a Direct Rollover;

(i) The Plan Administrator shall provide to the Participant a notice as required by Code Section 402(f) at least 30 days, but not more than 90 days, before the distribution is to occur.

(ii) Following receipt of such notice, on a form provided by the Plan Administrator, the Participant may elect a Direct Rollover of all or part of the distribution. The Participant may elect a Direct Rollover up until the date set for the distribution. The election is revocable until the date set for the distribution. If no election is made by the Participant prior to the date set for the distribution, then the distribution shall be paid directly to the Participant, subject to the withholding required by IRS Section 3405.

(iii) The Participant electing a Direct Rollover must supply to the Plan Administrator the following information:

(A) The name of the Eligible Retirement Plan;

(B) A statement from the plan designated by the Participant to receive the Direct Rollover stating that:

(1) the plan is, or is intended to be, an individual retirement account, an individual retirement annuity, a qualified defined contribution plan described in Code Section 401(a) which receives rollover distributions, or a qualified annuity plan described in Code Section 403(a), as applicable; and

(2) the plan will accept the Direct Rollover for the benefit of the Participant;

(C) Additional information in order for the Plan Administrator to effectuate the Direct Rollover including, but not limited to, the name and address of the trustee of the qualified plan (or the name and address of the custodian of the individual retirement account) if the distribution is to be paid by check mailed to the trustee or custodian or sufficient information to effectuate a wire transfer if the Direct Rollover is to be made by wire transfer.

(iv) The Plan Administrator shall have complete discretion to choose the means for payment of a Direct Rollover. Payment may be by check mailed to the plan trustee or IRA custodian, a check delivered to the Participant payable to the plan trustee or IRA custodian, or by wire transfer to the plan trustee or IRA custodian. Under no circumstances shall a wire transfer or a check be directed to or made payable to the Participant for purpose of a Direct Rollover.

(c) Limitations.

(i) In electing a Direct Rollover, the Participant shall specify only one Eligible Retirement plan to which a Direct Rollover shall be made.

(ii) If the aggregate of all distributions from the Plan in any calendar year is less than \$200, then the Participant shall not be entitled to elect a Direct Rollover.

(iii) A Participant may elect a Direct Rollover of a portion of the distribution with the balance of the distribution to be received by the Participant (less applicable withholding); provided, however, that in no event shall the portion of the distribution for which a Direct Rollover is elected be less than \$500.

(iv) A Participant's election with respect to one payment in a series of periodic payments will apply to all subsequent payments in the series, provided that:

(A) The Participant may change the election at any time with respect to subsequent payments; and

(B) The Participant will receive the required notice

under Code Section 402(f) at least annually and the required notice explains the limitation described in this Section 38-5-8(c)(iv).

(d) Effect on Non-Participant Beneficiaries.

(i) Payment to Participant's Spouse. If any distribution attributable to a Participant is paid to the Participant's surviving spouse, the above rules apply to the distribution in the same manner as if the Participant's surviving spouse were the Participant, except that only an individual retirement account or individual retirement annuity (other than an endowment contract) are treated as Eligible Retirement Plans with respect to the surviving spouse's Eligible Rollover Distribution.

(ii) Payment to Spouse as Alternate Payee. If any distribution attributable to a Participant is paid to the Participant's Spouse or former spouse by reason of being an alternate payee under a qualified domestic relations order then the above rule shall apply to the distribution in the same manner as if the spouse (or former spouse) were the Participant.

(iii) Distribution to Non-Spouse Beneficiary. A distribution to a beneficiary who is not the Participant, the Participant's surviving spouse (or spouse or former spouse by reason of being an alternate payee under the qualified domestic relations order) does not constitute an Eligible Rollover Distribution and such beneficiaries may not elect a Direct Rollover.

(e) Effective Date. The rules regarding Direct Rollovers shall be effective for all distributions payable on or after January 1, 1993.

Section 38-5-9. Loans to Participants.

(a) General Rules.

(i) The Trustee is hereby authorized to establish a participant loan program according to the terms and conditions provided in this Section 38-5-9.

(ii) The Committee is authorized to administer the Participant loan program. The Committee may, in its discretion, delegate the duty to administer the loan program, in which case, references to the Committee in this Section 38-5-9 shall be deemed to refer to the person or persons to whom the Committee has delegated this duty. All applications for loans shall be made by a Participant to the Committee on forms which the Committee will make available for such purpose.

(iii) All loan applications shall be considered by the Committee within a reasonable time after the Participant makes formal application. The Participant shall also be required to provide such supporting information deemed necessary by the Committee.

(iv) The Committee shall determine whether a Participant qualifies for a loan, applying such criteria as a commercial lender of funds would apply in like circumstances with respect to the Participant. Such criteria shall include, but need not be limited to, the credit worthiness of the Participant and his general ability to repay the loan, the period of time such Participant has been employed by the City, whether adequate security has been provided for the loan, and whether the Participant agrees, as a condition for receiving the loan, to make repayments through direct, after-tax payroll deduction.

(v) Loans shall be made available to all Participants on a reasonably equivalent basis.

(vi) Loans shall not be made available to Highly Compensated Participants in an amount greater than the amount made available to other Participants.

(b) Loan Amounts. With regard to any loan made pursuant to this program, the following rules and limitations shall apply:

(i) The Committee shall set a minimum amount for loans.

(ii) All loans made pursuant to this program shall be considered a directed investment from the Account(s) of the Participant maintained under the Plan. As such, all payments of principal and interest made by the Participant shall be credited only to the Account(s) of such Participant. As a condition of receiving a loan, each Participant shall specify in his loan application the Account or Accounts from which any loan shall be paid.

(iii) In no event shall any loan made pursuant to this Section 38-5-9 to any Participant be in an amount that shall cause the outstanding aggregate balance of all loans made to such Participant under this Plan and all other qualified employer plans (as defined in Section 72(p)(4) of the Code) maintained by the City or any related employer (as defined in Section 72(p)(2)(D) of the Code) to exceed the lesser of:

(1) \$50,000, reduced by the excess (if any) of:

(A) the highest outstanding balance of loans from the Plan to the Participant during the one-year period ending on the day before the date such loan is made, over;

(B) the outstanding balance of loans from the Plan to the Participant on the date on which such loans are made, or

(2) one-half of the vested portion of the total of the Participant's Accounts, but not less than \$10,000.

(iv) Notwithstanding the preceding provisions of this Section 38-5-9, in no event shall the aggregate balance of all loans made to the Participant under this Plan exceed fifty (50%) percent of the present value of the Participant's vested Accounts under the Plan. The "vested Accounts" will first be determined as of the Valuation Date coinciding with or immediately preceding the date the loan application is received by the Committee. Once the loan is approved, the Participant's vested Accounts will be redetermined and the amount of the loan may be decreased (but not increased) if on the day the loan is originated the loan amount would exceed 50% of the Participant's vested Accounts, immediately after the origination of the loan.

(c) Repayment of Loans.

(i) All loans made under this Section 38-5-9 shall mature and be payable in full within five years after the date such loan is made, except that a loan to a Participant used to acquire any dwelling unit that within a reasonable time after the loan is made is to be used (determined at the time the loan is made) as the principal residence of the Participant shall mature and be payable in full within ten years after the date the loan is made.

(ii) Payments of principal and interest shall be made through payroll deductions for Participants who are active employees. Such Participants shall irrevocably authorize payroll deductions in writing on a form supplied by the Committee at the time the loan is made. Such payroll deductions shall be sufficient to

amortize the principal and interest payable pursuant to the loan during the term thereof on a substantially level basis in equal quarterly (or more frequent) installments. Upon termination of employment, the loan will become immediately due and payable in full, provided that a Participant who will be receiving installment benefits from the Plan may elect to make payments in accordance with Section 38-5-9(c)(iii) below.

(iii) For Participants who terminate employment and thereafter receive a benefit under the Plan in installments, payments of principal and interest may be made through deductions from Plan distributions. Such Participants may authorize deductions from installment distributions in writing on a form supplied by the Committee at the time the distributions commence. Such deductions from distributions shall be sufficient to amortize the principal and interest payable pursuant to the loan during the term thereof on a substantially level basis in equal quarterly (or more frequent) installments.

(d) Interest Rate. Any loan granted or renewed under this program shall bear a reasonable rate of interest. In determining such rate of interest, the Plan shall require a rate of return commensurate with the prevailing interest rate charged on similar commercial loans under like circumstances by persons in the business of lending money. Such prevailing interest rate standard shall permit the Committee to consider factors pertaining to the opportunity for gain and risk of loss that a professional lender would consider on a similar arms-length transaction, such as the credit worthiness of the Participant and the security given for the loan. Therefore, in establishing the rate of interest, the Committee shall conduct a reasonable and prudent inquiry with professional lenders in the same geographic locale where the Participant and City reside to determine such prevailing interest rate for loans under like circumstances.

(e) Security. Adequate security shall be provided by the Participant before a loan is granted. For this purpose, the Plan shall consider a Participant's interest under the Plan to be adequate security. Generally, it shall be the policy of the Plan not to make loans which require security other than the Participant's vested interest in the Plan. However, if additional security is necessary to adequately secure the loan, then the Committee shall require that such security be provided before the loan will be granted.

(f) Miscellaneous Terms.

(i) The borrowing Participant shall have the right to prepay all or any portion of the interest and principal of such loan without penalty.

(ii) The loans shall be evidenced by such forms of obligations, and shall be made upon such additional terms as to default, prepayment, security and otherwise as the Committee shall determine.

(iii) The Committee may charge a borrowing Participant such reasonable administrative fees with respect to each loan as the Committee shall, in its discretion, decide.

(g) Default.

(i) The entire unpaid balance of any loan made under this Section 38-5-9 and all interest due thereon, including all arrearages thereon, shall, at the option of the Committee, immediately become due and payable without further notice of demand, if, with respect to the borrowing Participant, any of the following events of default occurs:

(1) any payments of principal or accrued interest on the loan remain due and unpaid for a period of ten days after the same becomes due and payable under the terms of the loan;

(2) a proceeding in bankruptcy, receivership, or insolvency is commenced by or against the borrowing Participant; or

(3) the Participant's employment with the City terminates for any reason, unless the Participant elects to receive payment of his Accounts in installments and, prior to termination of employment, arranges to continue repayment pursuant to Section 38-5-9(c)(iii). Any payments of principal or interest on the loan not paid when due shall bear interest thereafter, to the extent permitted by law, at the rate specified by the terms of the loan. The payment and acceptance of any sum or sums at any time on account of the loan after an event of default, or any failure to act or enforce the rights granted hereunder upon an event of default, shall not be a waiver of the right of acceleration set forth in this paragraph.

(ii) If an event of default and an acceleration of the unpaid balance of the loan and interest due thereon shall occur, the Committee shall have the right to direct the Trustee to pursue any remedies available to a creditor at law or under the terms of the loan, including the right to execute on the security for the loan.

(iii) The Trustee shall not be required to commence such actions immediately upon a default. Instead, the Trustee may grant the Participant reasonable rights to cure any default, provided such actions would constitute a prudent and reasonable course of conduct for a professional lender in like circumstances. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if no risk of loss or principal or income would result to the Plan, the Trustee shall not commence enforcement proceedings. However, if the qualified status of the Plan is not jeopardized, and there is a risk of loss to the Plan of principal or income, the Trustee shall commence enforcement proceedings against the Participant, including foreclosing on the security, in the case of any default that has not been cured within a three-month period after such default.

(iv) If (1) any portion of a loan or loans shall be outstanding and (2) an event occurs pursuant to which the Participant, his estate or his Beneficiary will receive a lump sum distribution from the Accounts of such Participant under the provisions of the Plan, then such Participant, if living, shall pay to the Trustee an amount equal to the portion of the loan or loans then outstanding, including all accrued interest thereon, and such Participant shall then receive the full amount of the distribution under the provisions of the Plan to which he is otherwise entitled. If such Participant is not then living, or if such Participant does not make full payment of the portion of the loan or loans then outstanding within thirty days after the date of the event pursuant to which the distribution is to be made, then such distribution shall be made to the Trustee as payment on the loan or loans to the extent necessary to liquidate the unpaid portion of the loan or loans. No distribution shall be made to a Participant or his estate

OBITUARIES

Krajewski, Amelia

Amelia C. Krajewski, 89, of Canton Township, died March 13, 1993.

Born March 4, 1904 in Poland, she immigrated to the U.S. and moved to the Saginaw area. She later moved to Detroit and married John Krajewski in 1924.

They operated a meat market on Warren Avenue in Dearborn for many years and in 1945 purchased a farm on Ridge Road in Canton Township, formerly known as the Hanford Farm. It still is in operation today. She also was active with St. John Neumann Catholic Church. Her husband died in 1985.

She and her late husband, Joseph, were mentioned in the *Cornerstone: A History of Canton Township Families* book.

Survivors include two brothers, Stanley Maleski of Sebring, Fla. and Chester Maleski of Zilwaukee, Mich., and three sisters, Louis A. Heid of Dearborn Neights, Frances Meyers of Essexville and Helen Dudock of Bradenton, Fla.

The funeral was at St. John Neumann Catholic Church with the Rev. George Charnley officiating. Interment was in St. Hedwig Cemetery of Dearborn Heights.

The family recommends that memorials be sent to the Hospice of Southeastern Michigan. Envelopes can be obtained at the funeral home.

Arrangements were completed by the Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home in Plymouth.

Kolodziej, Stephanie

Stephanie J. Kolodziej, 70, of Belleville, died March 15, 1993 at her residence.

She was a member of St. Anthony Catholic Church.

Survivors include her husband, Victor; three sons, Lawrence (Louise) and Gary (Rose), both of Belleville, and Gerald (Ruth) of Saginaw; a daughter, Janet (Dennis) Jaromin of Belleville, and five grandchildren.

She was predeceased by her parents, Walter and Josephine (Labaj) Jasinski.

The funeral was at St. Anthony Catholic Church with Father Thomas H. Cusick officiating. Interment was in Hillside Cemetery, Belleville. Arrangements were completed by the David C. Brown Funeral Home.

The family recommends that memorials be sent to St. Jude Children's Hospital.

Blanck, Harold

Harold B. Blanck, 68, of Belleville, died March 19, 1993. Arrangements were completed by the David C. Brown Funeral Home.

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Spears, Isaac

Isaac Spears, 84, of Inkster, died after a short illness on March 14, 1993 in Upper Michigan.

Spears, a World War II veteran, was a retired Great Lakes Steel employee and a longtime member of the Golden Gate Elks Lodge No. 973 of Inkster.

Born and educated in Bexar, Ala., he was baptised at an early age and moved to Detroit in 1945.

He moved to Baldwin, Mich. in 1971.

Survivors include his wife, Beverly; five children, Christina, Evelina, Isaac James, Katrina and Joseph; two grandchildren, Natahsya and Kevin; two brothers, Elihue and Wardell, and many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

The visitation was at Vida Funeral Home, 585 7th St. in Baldwin and the funeral was at 627 Essex St. in Idlewild, Mich.

Memorials may be sent to Christina Marshall, 26390 Dartmouth, Inkster.

Burgess, Cecil

Cecil Odell Burgess, 75, of Romulus, died March 14, 1993 at Ann Arbor Hospital in Wayne.

Born May 17, 1917, he was a retired maintenance worker for the Great Lakes Steel Co. He also was a member of the Citizens Band Club and the Steelworkers Union.

Survivors include his wife, Mary E.; a son, Duane William Burgess of Las Vegas; a daughter, Mrs. George (Sharon L.) Bauman of Copperas Cove, Tex.; two brothers, Lee of Mount Morris and Charles of Chelsea; a sister, Clarabell; six grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

The funeral was at the Crane Funral Home of Romulus with the Rev. Earl Habecker of the Westland Free Methodist Church officiating. Interment was in Michigan Memorial Park of Flat Rock.

The family requests that memorials be sent to the donor's choice of charities.

Hand, George and Richard

George Willie Hand, 31, and Richard Allen Hand, 27, both of Inkster, died together on March 10, 1993.

Survivors include their guardians the Rev. Louise and Thelmon Johnson, both of Inkster; two sisters, Ethel Tharpe and Mary Anthony; seven brothers, Larry, Twyli and Benjamin Hand, Ulysses, Leonard and Handsome Tharpe, all of Jeffersonville, Ga. and Hansel Lee Tharpe of Chillicothe, Ohio; two uncles, Willie Lee and Clarence Pauldo; two aunts, Lois Thomas and Rosa Lee Thomas, and many other relatives and friends.

The funeral was at St. John Baptist Church with the Rev. Hardy Johnson officiating. Arrangements were completed by the Penn Funeral Home.

Hill, Jonathan

Jonathan F. Hill, 36, of Belleville, died March 14, 1993.

Arrangements were completed by the David C. Brown Funeral Home of Belleville.

Ray, Blendena

Blendena Ann (Kirk) Ray, 78, died March 8, 1993.

Born Nov. 29, 1914 in Independence, Kan., she was the daughter of the late Walter and Rosa Kirk.

During World War II, she worked in Vallejo, Cal. as a ship welder for the U.S. Navy. She was proudest of her work on the U.S.S. Sullivan.

After the war, she moved to Topeka, Kan. and worked as an aide at Stomond Valo Hospital for 15 years.

She later moved to Shell City, Mo. and lived with her mother-in-law.

In 1989 she moved to Michigan and lived with her daughter, Elizabeth Looney. In 1991 she moved to Florida and lived with her son, Glenn Ray, until her death.

Survivors include two children, Glenn Leslie Ray and Elizabeth Looney; eight grandchildren, and 11 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her twin sister, Glendena, and two brothers, Marion and Marvin.

A memorial service took place at the Serenity Baptist Church of Belleville.

Jones, John

John H. Jones Jr., 29, of Inkster, died March 10, 1993 at Botsford Hospital.

Survivors include a son, Phillip Richardson; a daughter, April Jenson; his mother, Tommie Jones; his father, John (and wife, Earlene) Jones; a brother, Clayton Newson; three grandparents, Charlie Mae Newson, Ruben and Abbie Hare; an uncle, Willie Bob

(Ilene) Newson; two aunts, Berdia Marshall and Tonesa Little; two great-uncles, Junius (Janet) Howard and Walter (Emma Lou) Sapp; three great-great-aunts, and one nephew, Jamal Brayton.

The funeral was at the Community Baptist Church with the Rev. Bennie J. Oliphant officiating. Funeral arrangements were completed by the Penn Funeral Home.



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Increases proposed

Sales taxes could jump to 9 percent for goods

By JOAN DYER-ZINNER
Belleville City Editor

Although most Michiganders are accustomed to paying a four-cent sales tax on each dollar of their purchases, a hike of five cents could prove a bit harder to swallow.

State legislators have proposed offsetting a property tax reduction with a two-cent hike in the sales tax. At the same time, a national sales tax has been proposed to fund a new health care program. If adopted, the two proposed sales tax hikes would add five cents to the current four-cent-per-dollar sales tax, or at total of nine percent to the purchase price of non-grocery items.

For example, a shopper who purchases a \$397 china cabinet would pay \$35.73 in taxes compared to \$15.88 today, if the two tax proposals are adopted. A three-year-old station wagon, costing \$5,480, would cost \$493.20 in taxes, if the hikes are approved, compared to \$219.20 currently.

Under the proposed tax hikes, cost increases to the following items would be:

- A woman's blouse, priced at \$29.95, would cost \$1.20 more (\$31.15) with a four percent tax and \$2.69 more (\$32.64 total) with a nine percent tax.

- A high school class ring, priced at \$69.95, would cost \$2.70 more (\$72.65) with the current tax and \$6.29 more (\$76.24) with the proposed tax.

A survey of area residents revealed that most individuals believe "something" has to be done to change the way education and health care are funded, but they were unable to provide a viable alternate to the proposed increased sales taxes.

"We've got to find a way to pay for health care. If the increases in the sales tax are approved, it won't hurt senior citizens too much. Food items won't be taxed and seniors don't buy new cars every year.

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Do you favor proposed sales tax increases?



Ted Kuhns,
Tax preparer
"A sales tax is better than a higher property tax for seniors."



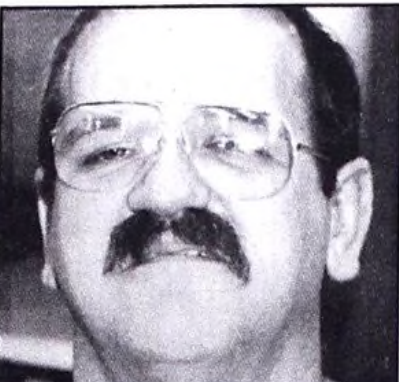
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Judy Peterson,
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"It's better than more property taxes."



Ray Peterson,
Westland
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Peggy Cranham,
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"Yes. Property taxes and hospital insurance costs are so high that people can't afford them."

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Tax

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They also don't buy furniture and other large items very often," said Ted Kuhns, who prepares tax returns for Canton Township senior citizens. "The sales tax is better than higher property or income taxes."

Belleville resident Peggy Cranham believes some action must be taken to provide health care and education funds.

"In the South, sales taxes are more widely used than property taxes to fund programs," said Cranham, who is a Tennessee native. "People who buy will keep on buying."

Cranham said she feels sorry for young people trying to establish themselves at this time.

"We've got to do something. People - especially young people - have trouble making it with the high cost of health care and high property taxes. Young people can't afford homes today," Cranham said.

"I'd like to see cuts made before any more taxes are implemented. It (the tax rate) is ridiculous," said Westland resident Carolyn Wadzwin.

Canton Township resident Rose Meyer doesn't like the idea of paying more taxes, but believes it is inevitable.

"We'll pay. There's no choice if the taxes are approved. We'll just wait and see and hope for the best," Meyer said.

"Something has to be done. We've put three kids through school, one of them through college, and we know that new ways to fund education have to be found," said Judy Peterson.

"Taxes are high enough now." Her husband, Ray Peterson, noted that "a way has to be found, but I don't know the way."

"Higher taxes will turn us into another Canada," said Peterson. "We voted for the tax-and-spend leaders. We elected them, so we shouldn't be surprised."

NEW ARRIVALS

Jezanna Bugaski

Michael and Sharon Bugaski of Westland became the parents of their first child, a daughter, Jezanna Marie, born at 4:22 p.m. March 16, 1993 at Annopolis Hospital in Wayne.

The new arrival weighed 8 pounds, 2 ounces at birth and measured 19 1/2 inches in length.

Grandparents of the infant include Patrick and Terry Konopski of Dearborn, Thomas Bugaski of Westland and Gary and Janis Bates of Livonia. Her great-grandparents are Robert and Maxine Brown of Florida and Frank and Cecilia Bugaski of Dearborn Heights.

The baby was also welcomed by five aunts, two step-aunts and four uncles.

Travis English

Nick and Michelle English of Ypsilanti became the parents of a son, Travis William English, on Jan. 29, 1993 at St. Joseph Hospital in Ann Arbor.

The baby weighed 8 pounds, 7 ounces at birth and measured 20 and a half inches in length.

Grandparents of the infant include Stephen and Regina McLaren of Belleville and Clyde English of Pennsylvania and the late Karen English.

Great-grandparents include Betty English of Florida, Reno and Audrey Gregg of Belleville and Betty Hart of St. Johns.

His great-great-grandmother is Beatrice Raymond of Owosso.

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Opinion

Once more, with feeling

Next Monday, the Wayne-Westland schools will ask voters to approve two measures at the polls. One question will ask for approval of the Headlee Amendment override and the second will ask for approval of a 6-mill tax to fund the schools.

We've heard the schools tell us why it's needed and we've listened to opponents tell us why it should be turned down. And, perhaps more importantly and significantly, we've listened to parents in the district tell us of their dissatisfaction with the questions, the schools and the general reputation of the body charged with educating their children.

These are difficult and oppressive economic times. While this 6-mill question appears to be a reduction from the previous 7.75 mills—the increased assessments mean that homeowners will pay more taxes. Indications are that this measure, if approved, will mean about \$13 per month to owners of average homes in the area. More, obviously, for some.

Thrown into the fast-whirling blender of confusion are the new state proposals to use a sales tax to fund education and eliminate property tax along with a myriad of other plans.

But the bottom line, it seems to us, is the education of our children. Have there been mistakes in the Wayne-Westland schools? Yes. Have there been problems? Yes. Have the children suffered with inadequate textbooks? Have teachers suffered from a lack of direction? And has the district suffered, overall, from a reputation of conflict and misdirection? Yes to all.

But it is also true that education costs money. And in the world today where children need far, far more than the basics of reading, writing and mathematics has also been impacted by the rising costs facing every other business in the country and our state.

Children today must have computer skills to survive—where will the funding come from to provide that type of learning if not from us. Children need to learn from current, new textbooks which include the latest developments in our world history and politics. In this world, foreign languages must be begun in grade schools and technical skills have to be taught in order for students to even anticipate college.

All of this costs money. The costs for every necessity of every family have risen—and the costs for educating our children have increased accordingly.

We are urging taxpayers in the Wayne-Westland school district to approve these two questions with a strong caution—that there must be results. We urge parents to make it very clear to the administration, the school board members and the classroom teachers that this funding is contingent on results. Without those results, without better management, better educated children and better teaching tools, there will be no further approval of funding.

We would urge approval of these questions as a last stand—allowing the new school superintendent and his fledgling cabinet the opportunity to demonstrate what they can do.

But all involved must know, the patience of the taxpayers and the parents in this district has worn very, very thin.

This is one last chance.

Setting us straight

We recently received a letter to the editor from a local woman complaining about the content of letters to the editor printed on our pages.

Her complaint was simple. She felt that the letters were scurrilous attacks on people and issues which the writers did not have the integrity to sign. In each case, the writer had requested that his or her name be withheld.

We honored that request, but in light of the complaint we received, we are beginning to question that decision.

We think perhaps she's right. We will re-evaluate our policy of withholding names and take a look at each and every letter received to ensure that there is a viable reason for such a request.



Resident debunks airport myths

To the editor:
The same old myths seem to be endlessly perpetuated about Mettetal. Perhaps a fact or two would make for clearer thinking.

Myth: Mettetal Airport will save us from low flying super jets heading to and from Metro.

Fact: I quote from the Aug. 23, 1991 letter directed to the Office of the Canton Township Supervisor from Dennis R. Ragle, Air Traffic Manager, Air Traffic Control Tower, Detroit Metro Airport: "Detroit Metro Air Traffic Control Towers has jurisdiction and authority to establish flight patterns, altitudes and air traffic control procedures... The closure of Mettetal Airport would, in no way, affect the flight patterns or altitudes used by air traffic arriving or departing Detroit Metro Airport. The existence or non-existence of Canton Mettetal Airport would have no effect on the air traffic operation at Detroit Metro Airport."

Myth: Some would have us believe another subdivision at Joy and Lilley would be less beneficial to the community.

Fact: I quote from Rep. Deborah Whyman's publication to her constituents: "How to Successfully Appeal Your Property Tax Assessment... Step 4. If you live near an airport, major road, landfill, business or industry, your home is less desirable than the same home located in a purely residential neighborhood."

So let's plow away for more homes (assuming the property isn't contaminated), and everybody's home will be more valuable.

Myth: Local government could take control of an airport.

Fact: Local control allowed Ann Arbor by the FAA consists of the ability to say "how high" when the FAA says "jump". If you believe otherwise, I have a bridge to sell you.

Some would say that Mettetal is "historic". A year ago I checked with the Canton Historical Society to see what was historic about it. I believe they dug up an old photo somewhere, but that was about all they had on the subject. So much for history. If, however, 50 years renders something "historic", I must be a real museum piece.

Finally, I want to thank Rep. Jerry Vorva for his inquiries into the news about the Michigan Aeronautics Commission plotting to buy the airport. I believe his quick action brought the purchase plans to public attention before it became a fait accompli. Since the purchase was approved last fall, we can only guess when

LETTERS

MAC would carry out their intention of telling us. Thanks again Rep. Vorva for having the courage to be on the side that is too often politically unpopular - that of the people.

Sandra Kosky
Plymouth

Committee urges 'NO' vote on millage

To the Editor:

During the past several years much has been written about the cost of education. Many parents have been willing to sacrifice so that their children can have a "quality" education. This is especially true of parents in the Wayne-Westland Community School District (WWCSD). These parents have voted again and again to be the highest taxed school district in the state because they were told that the high taxes were "For Kids".

In September 1992, last Fall, the National Curriculum Audit Center of the American Association of School Administrators conducted a curriculum audit of the WWCSD. The audit was commissioned by Superintendent Larry Thomas, approved by the school board, and paid for with school funds supplied by the parents.

The results of the 164 page audit give the answer to the question whether the parents' sacrifices really paid off "For Kids". Does the WWCSD parent receive a "quality" education for the sacrifice of paying the highest school millage in Michigan?

The results of this audit say "NO, A THOUSAND TIMES NO".

The following are the findings from the report:

- Board Policies do not provide an adequate framework for Curriculum Management and Quality Control.
- Roles, Functions, Responsibilities, and Authority of the Central Office Staff are uncertain and ambiguous.
- There is no comprehensive district-wide plan.
- The Curriculum Management Structure is inadequate for Quality Control.
- Curriculum Guides do not exist in some areas.
- Curriculum Guides in the Wayne-Westland Community Schools are inadequate management tools.
- Use of existing Curriculum Guides is inconsistent.
- Curriculum Guides lack internal consistency.
- Connectivity of Curriculum Design and Delivery

is minimal.

- Most Curriculum Delivery is based on traditional methodologies and instructional strategies.
- Curriculum is neither systematically nor effectively monitored.
- Staff development is neither strategic nor comprehensive.
- Teacher evaluation practices do not promote instructional improvement.
- Equity of student access to curriculum and facilities is limited.
- Resources are not allocated based on need.
- The district lacks a Comprehensive Assessment System for use in evaluation or modification of curricular programs and practices.
- Use of available data in the WWCSD for program alteration or modification is ineffective.
- The student grading/report card system is inequitably applied across the district.
- Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP) scores vary significantly throughout the district.
- The connection between the budget and curriculum priorities is inadequate to improve productivity.
- Facility conditions are inconsistent across the district.
- No intervention efforts to improve student achievement have occurred recently.

The report speaks for itself. "No evidence was presented of any curricular or instructional interventions having been implemented in response to feedback. Neither did the audit team see information to suggest that changes had been undertaken to improve performance or program results based on recommendations from district committees, task-forces, or staff". "When asked about intervention efforts or programmatic changes adopted to improve student achievement, staff and board members offered no clear examples of such actions."

For the past two years there has been plenty of sacrificial money to do whatever they wanted to do. They certainly did not choose to do much "For Kids".

Following these findings, the auditors put forth Eleven Recommendations to implement "Quality" into the education of that quality has not existed for 20 years, and no efforts have been made to produce it.

The sacrificing parents of the district have been cheated out of the very thing they were trying to buy for their children - quality education.

Now is the time for parents to tell the board of education

and the school officials that they will not pass one more millage proposal until the results are seen in the "quality" education of their children. Parents have paid dearly, and they should demand results before they vote pay more.

Melvin C. Straight
Westland

Reporter is praised

To the Editor:

This is an open letter to the citizens of Wayne and the Wayne Westland community, and all the readers of *The Associated Newspapers*.

I want to thank the Staff Writer Margo Dewey for such a fine job she does for the news papers. She serves the citizens of the Western Wayne County with dignity and respect, she is always there when called on, she keeps up on what's going on in the communities.

The Associated Newspapers should be proud to have such an employee as Margo Dewey, she earns every penny she gets paid. Margo we at the Metro Wayne Democratic Club are very proud of you, and please keep up the good work.

I also would like to thank the newspapers and Wayne Cablevision and the people at the Oddfellows Hall in Wayne for letting the Metro Wayne Democratic Club use their hall every month to distribute food to the need. All of you have been very helpful.

God will bless all of you for your kindness.

Cliff Johnson
Metro Wayne Democratic
President

Citizen urges cable notices

To the Editor:

Our present public notice communication system used for informing residents is currently the local newspaper, *The Romulus Roman*. Because we have the availability of cable television, City Council needs to adopt a resolution that would also incorporate notification via The Government Channel for information pertinent to residents.

The use of this means of communication will have absolutely no financial implication to the residents and in no way show support or denial for any government issue or candidate. This additional means of information will only benefit residents by enhancing their avenues for information.

I believe and feel that this is entirely in the best interest of my fellow citizens and I encourage Council to expedite this request.

Leo L. Knasiak
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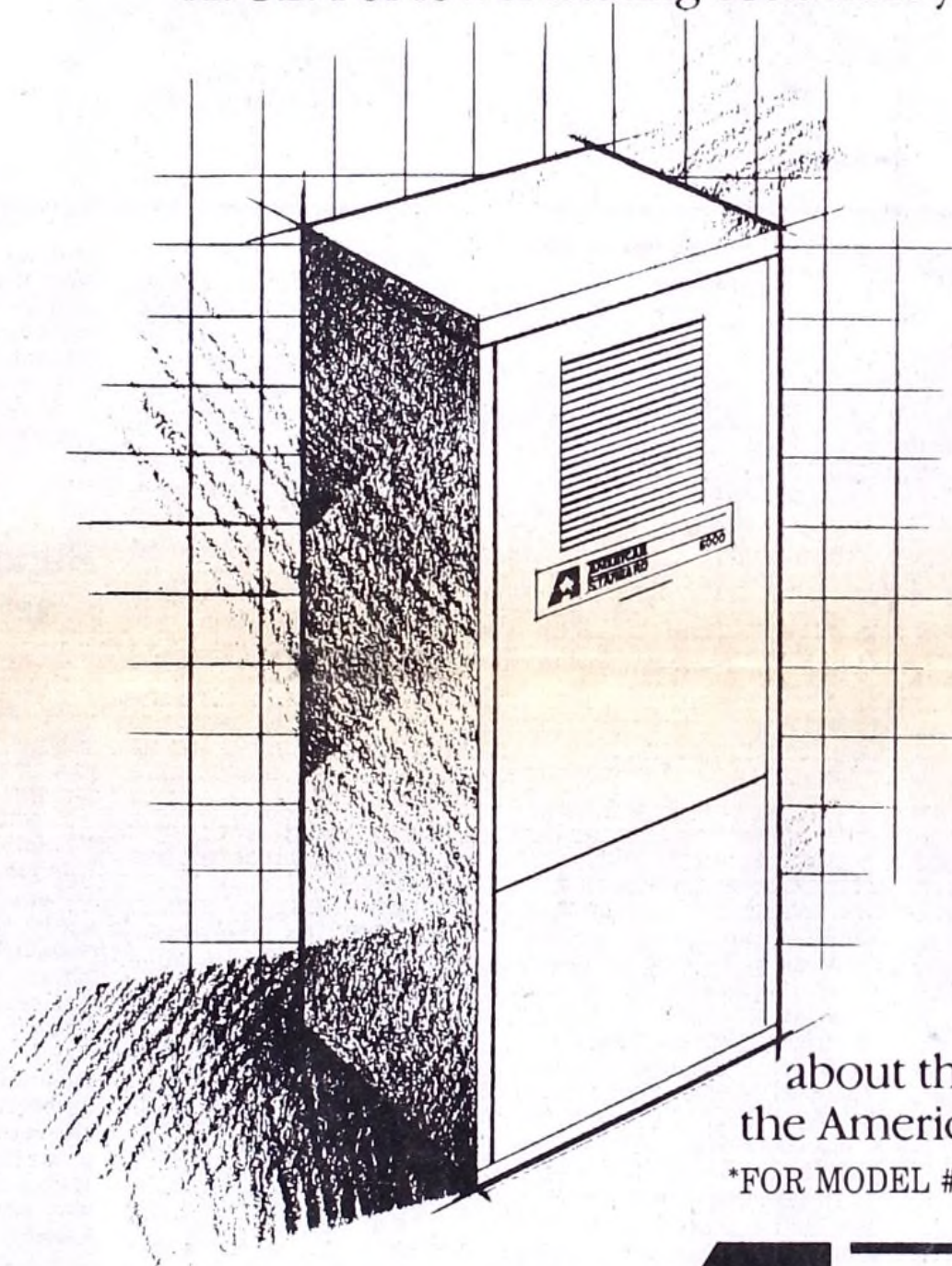
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Sports

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Among nation's best Inkster sprinter finishes 6th at championship

By TOM MOORADIAN
ANP Staff Writer

A 15-year-old Inkster High sprinter added a sixth-place national medal to her long-list of achievements in track and field.

Charnell Lynn, who is the defending 100 and 200 meter champ in the Suburban Athletic Conference and also toured Europe with a U.S. Junior Track & Field team a year ago, posted a 7.18 for the 55-meters at the 10th annual National Scholastic Track & Field Indoor Championships to earn the sixth-place medal.

The competitions were staged recently at Car-

rier Dome, located on the campus of Syracuse University, in Syracuse, New York.

It was Lynn's inaugural appearance at the nationals. Her performance earned her praise from coach Keith Bailey. Bailey noted that Lynn and his team members had to overcome several obstacles, including a nine-hour bus ride from Inkster to New York to compete in the nationals.

"I felt Charnell was exceptional," Bailey said. "For the first time at the big dance, she didn't have stage fright. She was exceptional. I am very proud of her."

Lynn also competed in the 200-meter dash, an event she managed to finish eighth (24.86). She got

off to a slow start because of a leg cramp, Bailey said.

"I knew that there was something wrong. She was hurting, and Charnell later explained that she felt a stiffness in the leg."

Lynn, considered one of the top high school sprinters in the state this year, will be competing for Inkster High this spring. She represented the Inkster Track Club in Syracuse.

Two other area ITC runners competed at the nationals. Katie Chapman qualified to run in the 800-meters but didn't reach the finals.



Charnell Lynn

Westland to conduct baseball tryouts

By TOM MOORADIAN
ANP Staff Writer

The Westland Baseball Federation has scheduled baseball tryouts for Saturday at the Jaycees Park.

Prospective players, ages 13 and 14, are urged to attend the tryouts that will help decide the makeup of the WBF teams for the summer season.

"Over the last 16 years, the WBF has captured at least a dozen league championships," noted Bill Hardin, WBF team manager. "This year we plan to field at least two teams in the Sandy Koufax League."

Those planning to take part in the tryouts are requested to come ready to play. The tryouts will begin at noon and end around 2 p.m. Those who need more information may contact Hardin at 562-4667.

Jaycees' Park is located at Hunter and Wildwood roads.

In the meantime, the Canton Softball Center will begin its 1993 season on April 18.

Center officials said that they are looking for men, women and coed teams to compete in a 14-game spring season. There is a \$495 entry fee. For further information, telephone 483-2913.

The Canton Softball Center is also hosting its annual "Early Bird" tournament. The tournament is open to all softball teams in the area and will run April 16-18.

Registration fee is \$100. There is an additional cost of \$7 per game for umpire fees.

Those wishing to officiate softball games have an opportunity to improve on their skills and learn the latest rules at a slo-pitch umpiring clinic offered by the Canton Softball Center.

Potential umpires should contact Bob at 483-5600, extension 102 or 104.



With a superlative effort in Marquette, the Wayne Lightning captured the coveted Bantam AA state hockey championship and earned the right to compete for the national title. The team will travel to Grand Forks, North Dakota to play in the national invitational. Members of the state-championship team include: Bobby Valeri (first row, from left), Dane Dresch, Jay Kroll, Matt Vanderburgh, Andy Enokian, Bryan Tompkins and Lee Swinney; in the second row are assistant coach Tom Vanderburgh, Colin Baxter, Eliot Washburn, Greg Ryan, Kevin Cleary, Mike York, manager Jim McMullen and coach John Clearwood. ANP Special Photo

Nationals next Wayne wins state hockey title

An unheralded and unranked Wayne Lightning traveled to Marquette last week and when the Bantam AA hockey team returned home it had its first "AA" state championship.

Manager Jim McMullen's team knocked off the host, Marquette, 5-4, in a thrilling finale to win the state title. The victory also gave the local skaters the right to travel to Grand Forks, North Dakota to play for the national title.

In lauding the state champs, Wayne County Commissioner Bryan L. Amann noted in a resolution that the "1993 Wayne Lightning shall forever stand as a beacon to every team and every player who finds the next game to be a struggle, for these were a team with the hearts of champions."

The Lightning reached the finals via close victories in the preliminaries. Wayne turned back Fraser Buscemi's, 3-2, in its tourney debut, then edged Port Huron, 4-3, before shutting out Lansing 3-0. In the semifinals, Wayne stopped pre-tournament title favorite, 6-3, before wrapping up the title with a 5-4 victory over Marquette.

McMullen and coaches John Clearwood and Tim Vanderburgh are preparing their team for the nationals which will be conducted April 1-4.

The Lightning lineup includes: Colin Baxter, Eliot Washburn, Greg Ryan, Kevin Cleary, Mike York, Bobby Valeri, Dane Dresch, Jay Kroll, Matt Vanderburgh, Andy Enokian, Bryan Tompkins and Lee Swinney.

'Over 30' crowns division playoff hockey champs

Two teams that made unsuccessful bids for hockey titles during the regular season came alive in the Wayne-Westland Over 30 hockey playoff series to win divisional playoff crowns.

Paddy's Pub and G. C.A. won big in the Over 30 playoffs last week.

Paddy's squared off with arch-rival, P.C. Outlet, in the Bonkowski Division playoffs and survived a scare. For one period P.C. made the playoff champ sweat before losing a 4-2 decision.

Paddy's broke a scoreless first-period deadlock when Jerry Moses pushed the goal past the P.C. goalie. That was at the 5:46 mark. Thirty eight seconds later, Tom James made it a 2-0 game when he took a centering pass and delivered it into the P.C. net.

P.C. Outlet came back and kept the outcome of the game in doubt when Dan Duszkievich fired in a goal to cut his team's deficit to 2-1 early in the third period. But Paddy's came back and replied with the next two goals thanks to the efforts of Tim Blachler and Bob Johnson, putting the game out of reach.

Tom Mazorowicz scored the second and final goal for P.C. Outlet, but that was neutralized when Moss carded an empty net goal in the closing minutes of the game.

The victory clinched the Bonkowski Division title for Paddy's. In the meantime, the Berrington Division title duel turned into a heart-stopper as G.C.A. and Jake's Again battled down to the wire.

Pegged as the underdogs, G.C.A. jumped out to an early 2-0 lead over favored Jake's Again. Gary Swain and Mike Walker did most of the early damage to Jake's image as they came up with goals. Ron Wojewski got Jake's on the right track, scoring two goals to tie the game, before the end of the first period.

Greg Barbaza broke the knot with his first goal, putting G.C.A. on top again. But Jake's then came up with the tying goal as Wojewski recorded his third goal for the hat trick.

Doug Morrison banged in a goal to again give G.C.A. the lead for the third time in this seesawing affair. Jake's refused to cave in. And Wojewski did the incredible as he found the net for his fourth goal of the evening.

The third period ended in shark-like frenzy around the Jake's net. GCA worked furiously trying to break the tie, but they just couldn't get past the defensive wall set up by Jake's Rick Abbott.

The two rivals settled for a 4-all tie in regulation, and forced the issue into an overtime period.

In the overtime, with less than two minutes to play, Barbaza and Jerry Peterson broke in on Jake's goal. Using Peterson as a decoy, Barbaza fired the puck past Abbott for what proved to be the decisive goal.

Canton boasts state athlete-scholar winner

A multi-talented Plymouth-Canton athlete is one of seven finalists in the Michigan High School Athletic Association annual Scholar-Athlete Awards.

She's Kelly Ann Holmes, a standout in softball, basketball and academically.

Each of the seven winners will receive a \$1,000 college scholarship presented by Farm Bureau Insurance, which is in the fourth year as underwriter of the scholarship awards.

Holmes boasts a 4.055 grade point average (on a weighted scale) and will earn her fourth varsity letter in softball this spring. She also has earned three letters in girls basketball.

Kelly was a softball team captain as a junior. She is also a two-year member of the National Honor Society as well as being involved in the German Club. Outside of school, Kelly tutors elementary pupils in reading and assists with her church's softball team.

"Sports have enhanced many parts of my life, most importantly my school work," Holmes noted. "My friends often wonder how I can find time to do my homework between practice and games. However, I believe that being involved in athletics has pushed me to do well and perform to my potential. Not only is it required that you are an academically sound student to be on an athletic team, but being involved in co-curricular activities has taught me how to effectively manage my time."

Holmes said that because she realizes that there is at least two to three hours of her time devoted to practice, when she comes home, "I always sit down and do my homework right away. By forming these good study habits and realizing how important it is that I do well in school, I have been able to schedule time for everything and be successful in school."

Other awards candidates are: Felicia Paluzzi, Grosse Pointe North (girls soccer); Lawrence Kon-Luen Chang, Warren Mott (tennis); Benjamin Woodside, Battle Creek Pennfield (Track & Field); and Karla Vander Wait, Southfield Christian (Track & Field).

Students applying for the Scholar-Athlete Award must be carrying a 3.5 (on a 4.0) grade point average, and have previously won a letter in a varsity sport that the MHSAA sponsors post-season competition.

Also, applicants were required to show involvement in other school-community activities and submit an essay on how co-curricular activities have enhanced their educational experience.

Ex-Belleville cager keys Cougar success

Kathy Murphy, a former cage star for Belleville High and an All-Area alumna, was one of the primary forces behind Spring Arbor College women's basketball success this season.

The Cougars finished the 1992-93 campaign with an impressive 19-12 won-lost record, losing in the NAIA District 23 championship game. It was the first winning season for Spring Arbor since 1986-87.

Murphy is a 1988 graduate of Belleville High School, and the daughter of John and Geraldine Murphy of Belleville.

A 5-9 senior forward who is majoring in Secondary Education, Murphy arrived on the Spring Arbor College campus after transferring from Henry Ford Community College in Dearborn.

Kathy was a starter throughout the season, scoring 309 points (9.7 per game) and collecting 195 rebounds (6.1 per game). She connected on 44 percent of her shots from the field and made 60 percent from the free throw line. She also accounted for 68 assists - the third best stats on the team.

"Kathy was a contributor on and off the court," said Coach Tom Britsch. "She did a lot of behind the scenes leadership, talking to our seven freshmen about attitude and work ethic. She was a tremendous asset to the team."

Among some of the highlights of the Cougar season included a 11-game winning streak between Jan. 14 and Feb. 11. The Cougars also scored a school-record 111 points against Olivet on Dec. 20, 1992.

Along with Murphy, the team will also lose senior Sherry Claypool.



Last hurrahs

The last shots of the 1992-93 high school basketball season may have been fired over the weekend as the state champs were crowned. But the season isn't really completed without the Associated Newspapers All-Area Team. Who are the top gunners in the area? You'll find the answer to that question - and many others - on these pages next week. ANP photo by Larry Divzio

Romulus athlete installed in Hall of Fame

At the age of 13, Theresa Gibson picked up a baseball bat and began swinging it. She was an instant hit. And for the next 24 years, the Romulus softball star continued to swing a bat that powered her into the limelight and helped the teams she played for to win dozens of regional, state and national titles. Last week, the gregarious star was installed into the Michigan USSSA Hall of Fame. Gibson was among 11 men and women who were installed into the hall during ceremonies staged in Romulus.

During the 1990 campaign, Gibson batted an incredible .566, collecting 99 hits including 14 doubles. Her performance came in the wake of a .592 batting season posted in 1989 when she drilled 100 hits. In nominating Gibson for the Hall of Fame, manager John H. Powell recalled some of the player's achievements over the years. "Theresa has played competitive ball over 24 years having started at age 13 with a team from Inkster called the Vondaliers," Power noted. "At

age 15, she was recruited and played with the Swinging A's, a team coached by Al Campbell. She has played both A & B ball with such teams as Big Bill's and Little Caesar's - both coached by Al Campbell - Mid America and Walter's Bar." Powell said he first became acquainted with Gibson in 1980 when she was drafted to play in tournaments for one of his teams. "She helped us to a number one ranking in the state and a top 10 finish in the Class B Nationals held in Fond Du Lac, Wisconsin," Powell said.

In that series, Gibson batted a hefty .588. In fact, she was awarded the home run trophy after slamming four homers over the fence. She continued to play for Power's club in 1985 and 1987 when the team was in Class A where she developed into one of the top hitters. Described as one of the most prolific hitters in the game and highly respected by coaches and players, Gibson also is an excellent student of the game, and played every po-

sition over her long career. "I have been very fortunate to have had the opportunity to coach Theresa and have found her professionalism and leadership a major reason for the success of our team," Powell concluded. Theresa Gibson joined such outstanding talents in the Hall of Fame as Linda Mueller (1984), Dottie Davis (1985), Jackie Huggins (1986), Pam Rendine Cook (1986), Julie Swartout (1987), Nancy Forster (1988), Sue Pulju (1988), Debbie Albrecht (1989), Edna Allen (1989), Patti Silye (1990), Linda Szeffler (1990), Pat Cunningham (1991), Mary Papiersky (1991), Sue Riedel Mitchell (1991), Michelle Newton (1992), Patti Rendine (1992) and Lynn Gendron (1992).

Inkster karate club members stand out at state tourney

The long but scenic road to Rudyard in the Upper Peninsular of Michigan paid off recently for the Inkster Karate Club as five members of the team earned medals. "Our kids demonstrated that training and discipline do pay off," said Carl Tate Jr., the team instructor who owns a Sixth Degree Black Belt, one of the highest degrees for an instructor. The local karate club managed to place third in the red, brown and black belt divisions, ages

12-14, thanks to the efforts of Richard Bell. Richard's sister, Lakesha Bell, earned a first place in red, brown and black sparring. She also placed second in the power-kicking division. She was awarded a silver medal for her performance in the forms division for red, brown and black belt. Also earning a gold was Jollean Tate, who won the forms division for 10-year-olds. Joleen also was second in the power-kick division and third in the sparring division.

Baseball, softball talks begin

Local and area recreation departments have scheduled baseball and softball meetings in preparation for the 1993 summer league season. Wayne recreation officials are accepting registration for their evening softball leagues. Officials say that there are still openings for the men, women and co-ed leagues. The leagues will also accept nonresident teams. Managers who need further information should contact the recreation department at 522-1505 or 721-7400. Inkster parks and recreation officials have set a 7 p.m.

April 8 meeting to discuss an adult men's Class "C" softball league. The meeting will be conducted at the Inkster Recreation Complex, 2025 Middlebelt Road. There is a \$350 entry fee which will cover the costs for a 10-game schedule. League and playoff champions will receive trophies. Team sponsors also will be awarded trophies, recreation officials said. Registration fees must be received by the parks and recreation department on or before May 7. Team managers who wish

further information about the league are urged to contact Ruth E. Williams, recreation supervisor, between the hours of 1 and 8 p.m. Monday through Friday by dialing 728-7530. Inkster recreation also is seeking teams for an adult co-ed softball league that will begin action on May 22. There is a 6 p.m. April 15 organizational meeting scheduled for the Inkster Recreation Complex. Recreation officials said that the season will consist of eight games, and that there is a \$225 registration fee. Entry fee deadline is May 31.

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Surveys shows concern for children, crime

Strong feelings about crime and children's issues were evident when survey results were revealed by State Sen. William Faust (D-Westland).

"Based on this survey, people are very concerned about how the state deals with criminals," said the 12th District senator, noting that proposed programs to benefit children received support from respondents. "Constituents also had very strong feelings on senior and health-related issues."

On the issue of prison parole, 90 percent of the respondents believe that legislation reforming the parole system should be implemented. The respondents favor making it tougher for prisoners to be granted an early release. They split on legislation giving judges and the parole board more discretion in dealing with people convicted under the Michigan law which requires a mandatory life sentence without parole for possessing 650 grams of cocaine.

Forty-seven percent of those polled supported legislation to allow judges and the parole board to have more discretion in dealing with people convicted under the mandatory life sentence law. On the other hand, 45.8 percent of those surveyed, do not favor any change in sentencing.

The answers to other items on legislative questionnaire were:

- Do you support legislation that would ban billboards along state roads and highways? Yes, 37.4 percent and no, 41.2 percent

- Do you support plan to reduce the number of Agencies on Aging from 14 to 7? Yes, 37.4 percent and no, 41.2 percent

- Should the state legislature establish a procedure under which doctors could help terminally ill patients commit suicide? Yes, 56.1 percent, and no, 30.5 percent.

- Should the state revise and streamline its adoption



Sen. William Faust, 12th District

process? Yes, 80.5 percent, and no, 9.5 percent.

- Do you support Michigan Caring Program for Children (with a donations of \$2 or more from state income tax refunds) to provide free basic health care to low-income children who don't qualify for other benefits? Yes, 69.8 percent, and no, 19.8 percent.

- Do you support legislation to give more power to the state to protect consumers from financially unstable insurance companies? Yes, 83.2 percent, and no, 6.5 percent.

- Should legislators pass a new parental consent abortion law? Yes, 61.8 percent, and no, 21.1 percent.

- Do you support legislation to crack down on parents who fail to pay required child support? Yes, 90.1, and no, 2.7 percent.

"This survey shows that people want us to act decisively on the issues that affect them in their everyday lives," Faust said. "I want to thank those who filled out and returned these surveys, and I encourage everyone to contact us in Lansing to let us know their opinions on the issues facing Michigan."

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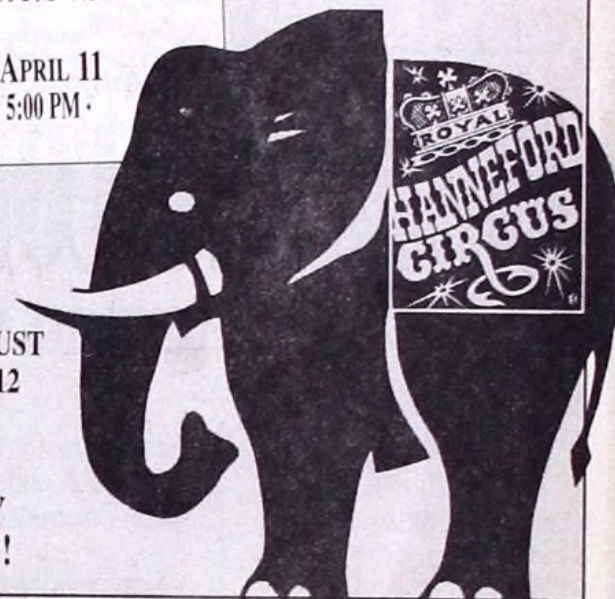
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I can also remember that. But I don't know where I left my gloves last week.

Did you know that a hippopotamus stomach is more than 10 feet long?

Yep, I remembered that, too. Now, if I could find my address books, I'd be a happy woman.

Did you know that the alphabet with the least number of letters is Hawaiian, with only 12?

Uh-huh, I just happened to have that important fact right at my fingertips. Unfortunately, I don't know where I left that prescription the doctor gave me.

I remember that yaks give pink milk and that the telescope at Mt. Palomar in California enables one to see a lit candle 40,000 miles away.

I even recall that some mushrooms glow in the dark and that the all-time best selling book in the world is the Bible.

The one thing all easily recalled tidbits of knowledge share is that nobody else can remember them...or cares. And yet, I have managed to retain these items of trivial knowledge since who knows when. My dysfunctional little brain, however, can pull this stuff from the recesses of my cranium at any time.

The point is—I can't remember my address. Or my phone number at home. Last week, some poor fool asked me for my Social Security number and I laughed out loud.

This, I have been informed, is a sure sign of approaching senility. Maybe so. But I'd rather recall that Thomas Edison's obituary in *The New York Times* was four and a half pages long than be able to remember my complete medical history. How many people remember that in ancient times the giving of a shoe to the new owner of a house by the former owner was equal to giving him the deed and was considered a legal procedure? Not many, I'd wager.

I'm one of the few people I know who understands that a shark literally does not have a bone in its body. It's skeleton is made of cartilage. I remember, too, that the longest reign of any monarch was that of Pepi II, a Pharaoh of ancient Egypt who took the throne at the age of 6 and ruled until his death at the age of 97.

My husband will not play that silly *Trivial Pursuit* game with me anymore and my family is sure that I am some type of deviate. They can't understand that a woman who remains undefeated at *Jeopardy* can't find her purse or her car keys and is constantly forgetting the reason she called them.

I forget directions as soon as they are given to me and can't find my way around the block. I have to keep my sons' phone numbers posted on the refrigerator, lest I forget them, and I haven't come home from the grocery store with everything I went for in five years.

This from a woman who knows that boys of 14 and girls of 13 can get married in New Hampshire and that a newborn kangaroo is about an inch long.

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In The Soup

A woman who can't make soup shouldn't be allowed to marry. --New England Proverb

While this old proverb seems somewhat harsh, and many a woman would take care to NEVER learn to make soup were it enforced, there is something to be said for the qualities of a good, hearty bowl of soup. Especially in this, the spring weather which has included snow, sleet, hail, ice and freezing winds. Many of us cannot wait to see what summer will bring in light of the mysterious and foul weather spring has heaped upon most of the country.

Despite the calendar, and the devious revenge of Mother Nature on us all, it is the perfect time to make soup. Delicious, hearty soul-warming, stomach-filling soup. There is nothing quite like a bowl of the stuff, accompanied by a hearty bread warmed in the oven, to make all seem right with the world, despite the mounting snow outside the door.

And, soup is one of the few dishes that can be made in advance and taste better or made with whatever ingredients may be found in the back of the cupboard and refrigerator and still be a treat to both body and soul.

These recipes are hearty soups from the L.L. Bean Book of New England Cookery and every one allows for the interpretation and freedom of the cook or ingredients which may or may not be on hand. Feel free to experiment with these because it's very difficult to go wrong.

Peel, chop, boil and simmer—and then, ahhhhh, ladle the wonderful nectars into bowls, provide large soup spoons (none of those dinky teaspoons, thanks) and enjoy.

Corn Chowder

- 1 1/2 tablespoons corn oil
- 1 onion, coarsely chopped
- 1 sweet red pepper, seeded and chopped
- 2 medium potatoes, peeled and diced
- 1 cup water
- 1 small bay leaf
- 1 teaspoon chopped fresh parsley
- 1 small sprig thyme
- 1 1/2 cups cooked corn kernels
- 2 cups milk, heated
- 1 cup heavy cream, heated
- About 1/2 cup plain yogurt
- Chopped chives

Heat the corn oil and cook the onion and pepper about 5 minutes. Add the potatoes and water, bring to a boil, over the pan, reduce heat, and cook gently until the potatoes are tender. Stir in the herbs and add the corn and the hot milk and cream. Bring the chowder to the simmering point for a minute or so. If using blanched or fresh corn, cook a few minutes longer, until just tender. Serve very hot, adding a dollop of yogurt and a sprinkling of chives to each bowl.

Lobster Bisque

- 2 or 3 lobster shells
- 6 cups water
- 3 tablespoons butter
- 1 rib celery, chopped
- 1 carrot, scraped and chopped
- 1 or 2 leeks, depending on size, cleaned, trimmed and sliced
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 2 tablespoons flour
- 1 1/4 cups heavy cream
- Salt
- Dash cayenne
- 1/2 cup lobster meat, cut in bite-size pieces

Break up the lobster shells into relatively small pieces. Cover with water and cook over medium heat for about 25 minutes. Strain. You should have about 4 1/2 cups lobster broth.

In a heavy saucepan, melt the butter and saute the vegetables gently, stirring, for about 5 minutes. Stir in the flour and cook, stirring 1 minutes, then add the strained lobster broth and whisk until smooth, cook gently for about 20 minutes, until the vegetables are tender. Either put the soup through a vegetable mill or puree in a blender or food processor. Return it to the heat and add the cream. Season with salt to taste and a little cayenne. Heat the lobster meat in the sou, then ladle equal amounts into four warm bowls and sprinkle a bit of paprika on top.

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Old Fashioned Chicken Chowder

- 4 tablespoons corn or vegetable oil
- 1 onion, diced
- 2-3 celery ribs, peeled and diced
- 2-3 potatoes, peeled and diced
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh savory, or 1 teaspoon dried (optional)
- 2 tablespoons flour
- 1 cup milk or light cream
- 2 cups chicken broth
- 2 cups cooked chicken
- Salt
- Freshly ground pepper
- 1 cup corn kernels

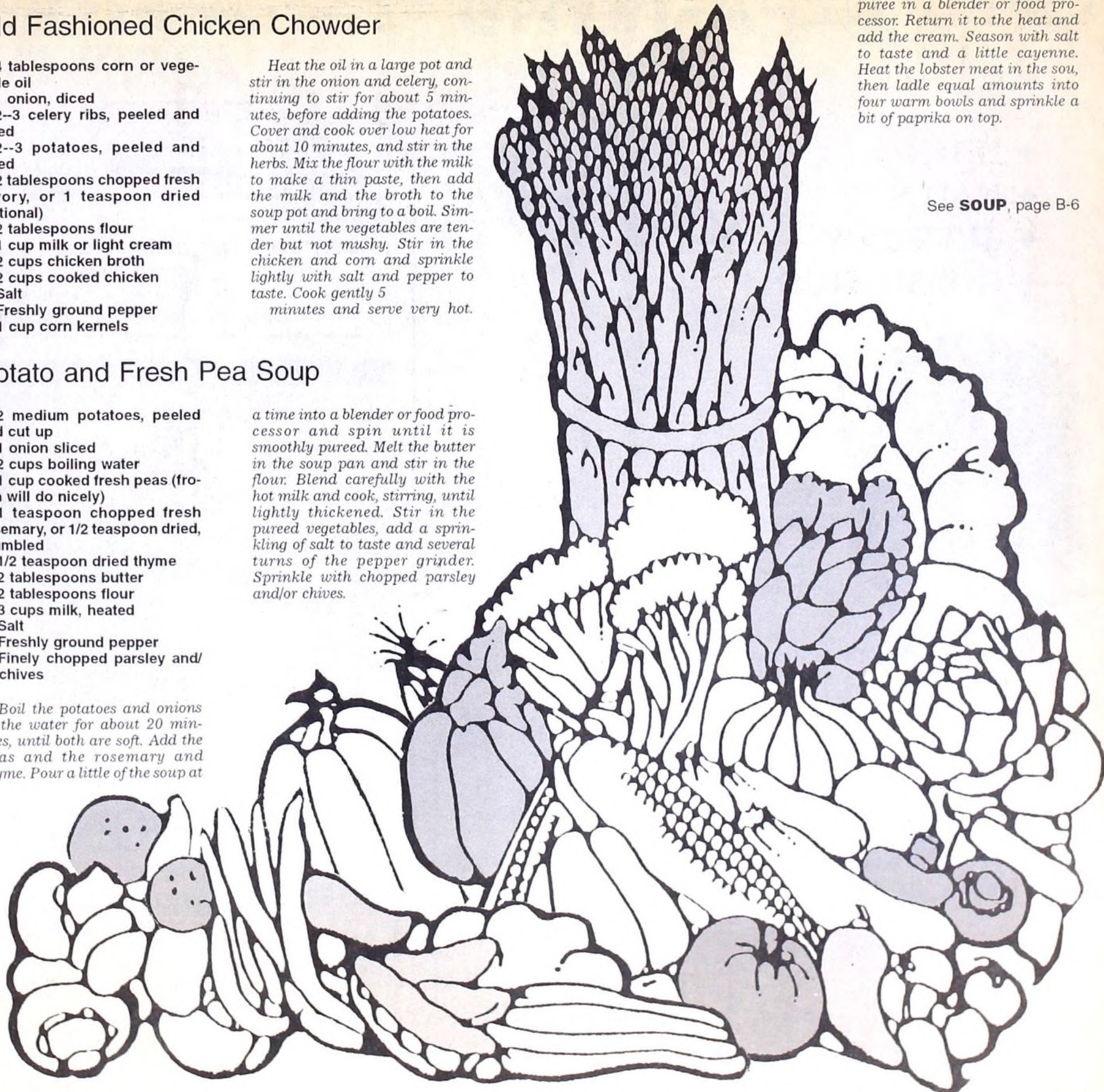
Heat the oil in a large pot and stir in the onion and celery, continuing to stir for about 5 minutes, before adding the potatoes. Cover and cook over low heat for about 10 minutes, and stir in the herbs. Mix the flour with the milk to make a thin paste, then add the milk and the broth to the soup pot and bring to a boil. Simmer until the vegetables are tender but not mushy. Stir in the chicken and corn and sprinkle lightly with salt and pepper to taste. Cook gently 5 minutes and serve very hot.

Potato and Fresh Pea Soup

- 2 medium potatoes, peeled and cut up
- 1 onion sliced
- 2 cups boiling water
- 1 cup cooked fresh peas (frozen will do nicely)
- 1 teaspoon chopped fresh rosemary, or 1/2 teaspoon dried, crumbled
- 1/2 teaspoon dried thyme
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 2 tablespoons flour
- 3 cups milk, heated
- Salt
- Freshly ground pepper
- Finely chopped parsley and/or chives

Boil the potatoes and onions in the water for about 20 minutes, until both are soft. Add the peas and the rosemary and thyme. Pour a little of the soup at a time into a blender or food processor and spin until it is smoothly pureed. Melt the butter in the soup pan and stir in the flour. Blend carefully with the hot milk and cook, stirring, until lightly thickened. Stir in the pureed vegetables, add a sprinkling of salt to taste and several turns of the pepper grinder. Sprinkle with chopped parsley and/or chives.

Boil the potatoes and onions in the water for about 20 minutes, until both are soft. Add the peas and the rosemary and thyme. Pour a little of the soup at



Soup

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Mr. Bean's Bean Soup

- 1 cup dried beans
- Fresh water
- 2 medium potatoes, diced
- 1 medium onion, coarsely chopped
- 1/4 pound bacon, finely chopped
- Salt
- Pepper

Soak the beans overnight. Drain, pour into a soup kettle and cover with the fresh water. Add the potatoes and onion. Fry the chopped bacon until it crackles and add to the pot. Sprinkle the soup lightly with salt and pepper to taste. Bring to a boil and let bubble for 1 hour.

Onion and Cheese Soup

- 3 large onions, sliced
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 2 tablespoons flour
- 2 cups milk
- 2 cups chicken broth
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper
- 1/2 teaspoon mace
- 1 egg yolk, well beaten
- 1 cup grated cheddar cheese
- Chopped parsley

Saute the onions in the butter until they are lightly browned. Stir in the flour so that it blends smoothly with the butter, then gradually add the milk, stirring until the mixture is smooth, then add the broth. Add the seasonings and simmer about 5 minutes. Take the pan from the heat and stir in the beaten egg yolk and the cheese. Heat the soup just to the simmering point, and sprinkle with parsley.

Ham and Egg Soup

- Olive oil
- 6 cups chicken broth
- 4 tablespoons ham or Canadian bacon, cut into strips
- 4 eggs, at room temperature
- 6-8 garlic cloves, chopped very fine
- 4 thick slices stale bread

Put 1 teaspoon olive oil in each of four ovenproof bowls and leave in a preheated 450-degree oven for about 5 minutes. Heat the chicken broth to the boiling point. In a small skillet, saute the ham or Canadian bacon in a little oil, stirring, for about 3 minutes. Remove the bowls from the oven and place 1 piece of bread in each. Break one egg into each. Divide the garlic evenly among the bowl, and pour in 1 1/2 cups simmering stock. Add the ham or bacon and return the bowls to the oven for 2-3 minutes. The egg will cook in the stock. Serve bubbling hot, garnished with chopped parsley or watercress.

Creamy String Bean Soup

- 2 cups fresh string beans, cut about 1-inch long
- 1/3 cup coarsely chopped leeks
- 1 medium potato, peeled and diced
- 2 cups chicken broth (canned)
- Salt
- Freshly ground pepper
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh savory, or 1 teaspoon dried
- 1/2 cup heavy cream

Put the vegetables in a saucepan and cover with broth. Add a little water, if necessary, to cover. Season lightly with salt, a few turns of the pepper grinder, and the savory. Simmer for about 30 minutes, but do not overcook—the vegetables should still have texture. Add the cream and reheat just before serving.

Onion Patch Soup

- 3 tablespoons butter
- 1 red onion, thinly sliced
- 2 leeks, white part only, thinly sliced
- 2 silverskin onions, thinly sliced
- 2 shallots, sliced
- 2 garlic cloves, sliced
- 1 tablespoon chopped chives
- 2 scallions, including tender greens, chopped
- 1 quart chicken broth (canned)
- 1/2 teaspoon chopped fresh rosemary, or 1/8 teaspoon dried
- 1 teaspoon minced fresh dill
- Salt
- Freshly ground pepper

Heat the butter in a large heavy saucepan and stir in the red onion, leeks, silverskin onions, shallots and garlic. Cook 2-3 minutes. Add the chives and scallions, and stir while cooking 1 minute more. Pour in the chicken broth, add the herbs, and bring to the boiling point. Taste, add salt if needed, and simmer a few minutes. Serve hot.

Tomato Bisque

- 2 1/2 cups milk or half-and-half (or a combination)
- 1 bay leaf
- 1 spring onion, sliced
- About 6 celery leaves
- 1/4 teaspoon baking soda
- 2 pounds ripe tomatoes, roughly chopped
- 3/4 to 1 teaspoon sugar
- 3/4 cup fresh bread crumbs or torn-apart crustless bread
- Salt
- 2-3 tablespoons butter

Simmer the milk, bay leaf, onion and celery leaves very gently for 10 minutes. Add the baking soda, tomatoes, 3/4 teaspoon sugar and bread crumbs and simmer, covered, for 15 minutes. Put the soup through a vegetable mill or strainer. Season with salt and a little more sugar, if desired. Serve hot in warm bowls with a bit of butter floating on top.

Desserts

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I know that Louis XIV of France was born with two teeth but can't remember to take my clothes to the cleaners.

And when I do remember to take the clothes, I lose my receipt for them. But, I do know that a zebra is not a black animal with white stripes, but a white animal with black stripes.

Now, usually I put a recipe at the end of this, but I can't remember which one I chose. Incidentally, did you know that strawberries have more vitamin C than oranges or grapefruit? And does anybody know where I left my other shoe?

Fudge Pudding

- 1 cup flour
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 6 tablespoons unsweetened cocoa
- 2 tablespoons melted butter
- 1/2 cup milk
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 3/4 cup broken walnut meats
- 3/4 cup brown sugar
- 1 3/4 cups boiling water

Sift together the flour, baking powder, sugar, and 4 tablespoons of the cocoa. Stir the melted butter into the milk, along with the vanilla. Beat this into the flour mixture and stir in the walnuts. Pour into a well-greased 9-inch square pan. Now mix the brown sugar with the remaining 2 tablespoons of cocoa. Sprinkle this mixture on top of the pudding. Pour the boiling water over it, and bake in a preheated 350-degree oven for 40 minutes. Cut into squares and serve upside down on serving plates, spoon some of the pudding sauce over each square. Serve warm.

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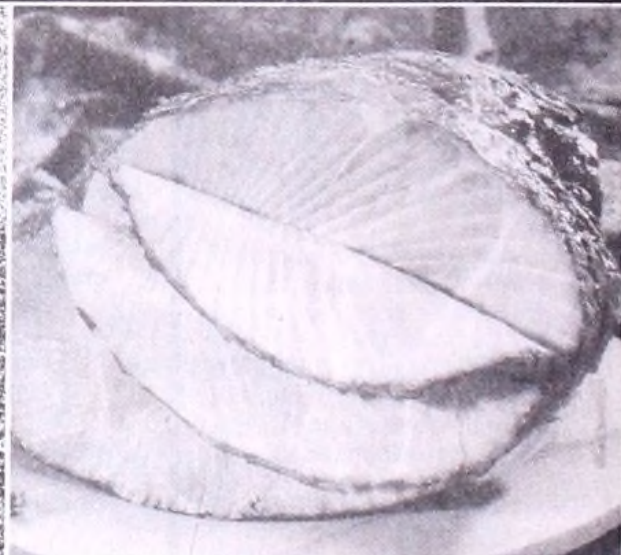
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Welding student joins team effort

By CRAIG GARRETT
ANP Staff Writer

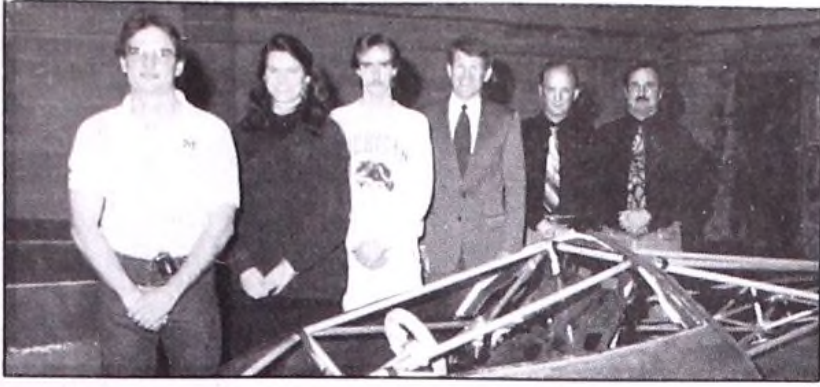
Even the best welder can't hold a torch to Don Neilson. The 19-year-old is so skilled with his red-hot tool that he was asked to perform surgery-like work on a \$1.5-million vehicle being designed and built by University of Michigan engineering students.

"I was excited, but very nervous about working on the project," the Washtenaw Community College (WCC) scholarship student admitted. "I really didn't want to mess up. Now that it's over, I can say with confidence that I put my name behind every weld."

The Inkster teenager recently joined with 100 U of M engineering, graphic and industrial design and business students in their group effort to build *Maize and Blue*, a solar-powered car that students hope is better and faster than *Sunrunner*, the original U of M solar vehicle that won the 1990 General Motors Sunrayce USA and finished third in the 1990 World Solar Challenge down-under in Australia. The 1,000 mile collegiate race this year, Sunrayce '93, begins June 20 running six days of secondary roads from Dallas to Minneapolis. Thirty-six colleges and universities are participating, so every strategic weld is crucial.

Neilson's particular soft touch was used to perform welds on the brake pedal, motor and body mounts and the rack-and-pinion steering column. He spent 50 hours of his own time, away from a full-time work and school schedule, finishing the job.

U of M spokeswoman Beth Riley said Neilson's quality work ensures *Maize and Blue* a



Welding student Donald Neilson, third from left, is part of the student team constructing *Maize and Blue* the \$1.5 million vehicle built by University of Michigan students. Shown with Neilson and the car are chassis team leader Andy Warner, left, marketing team member Beth Riley, Washtenaw Community College President Gunder Myran and welding instructors Bill Figg and Clyde Hall.

fighting chance of winning the prestigious race.

"There's not a whole lot of room for error," Riley said. "This is a very fragile vehicle and the workmanship has to be the best. That's why Don was recommended and chosen."

Neilson said he got interested in welding at John Glenn High School after learning jewelry-making classes weren't offered. For three years, three hours each day, Neilson studied basic to precision welding techniques (TIG, MIG, oxy-acetylene and arc), primarily under the tutelage of Dr. William Pettis at the William D. Ford Voc-Tech Center where he trained.

"Donny is an example of the successful high school student," said Pettis, a veteran of the renowned Westland training center. "I'd put his welding skills against anyone in the world. He's always had the right attitude and work ethic. 'People don't understand,' Pettis added, "that not all kids are going to college. Don is on track right now, at age 19, to

make \$30,000 this year. That's not bad and the funny thing, he's only going to get better."

Bill Figg is a welding instructor at WCC. Neilson came to his attention after winning the Vocational Industrial Clubs of America (VICA) High School competition at WCC in 1991. Figg said when U of M representatives approached the college for help in assembling the solar racer Neilson immediately was nominated—no second thoughts.

"Don has extremely good hand/eye coordination," Figg said. "Plus he has the desire and has set goals for himself. He sees light at the end of the tunnel."

Neilson wants to finish at WCC and begin immediate work on completing an engineering degree. He's not sure which welding technology he'll follow.

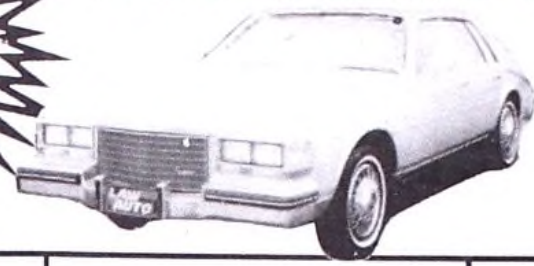
"It's too scary to think about the future right now," Neilson admitted, "but my hidden goal is to own a business someday. I'm just taking things one day at a time right now and having some fun along the way."

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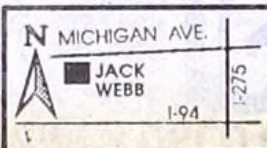
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Of Note

Millage vote Monday

Voters in the Wayne-Westland school district will be asked to approve a 6-mill operating millage Monday. A second question will ask for voters approval of a Headlee Amendment override.

The 6-mills, if approved, will expire in three years. The Headlee Override is for one year only.

Without approval of both measures, according to school officials, the district will face at \$3.5 million deficit.

Officer recovering from crash injuries

Driving too fast is the final determination of Westland police investigating a March 23 single-car accident involving a city patrolman. Officer Thaddeus Nelson was making an emergency run around 6 p.m. on south Henry Ruff when the 24-year-old officer lost control of his blue and white Chevrolet Caprice and slammed passenger side first into a tree. The vehicle came to rest in a 10-foot ditch, trapping the young officer for two hours. Nelson was flown to an Ann Arbor hospital in serious condition. He currently is recuperating at home from head and shoulder injuries and no return to work date was announced.

Police investigators Thursday said Nelson, traveling at high speed, apparently misjudged a tight S-curve on Henry Ruff, hit a curb and lost control of his vehicle. A police spokesman said other Westland officers should learn from Nelson's mistake.

Garden City man struggles to survive

Wayne police officers are investigating an injury accident which occurred 3:10 p.m. March 26 on Michigan Avenue in Wayne.

A 38-year-old Garden City man who was driving a motorcycle was hit by a truck crossing eastbound Michigan Avenue, according to Wayne police Lt. Dan Randall.

"The driver of the truck is an Ontario resident," Randall said. "The individual on the motorcycle suffered serious injuries to his face and received burns over approximately 40 percent of his body."

The Garden City man is in serious condition at the University of Michigan Hospital. No alcohol was involved in the incident, according to Randall.

Donations sought for fire victims

A call for donations of toys and both single and double size beds for the 16 families burned out recently at the Glenwood Orchard Apartments in Westland, has been issued by Lt. Donna Price of the Norwayne Salvation Army.

At least 22 children between the ages of 4 months and 7 years lost all their toys in the weekend fire, Price said.

Cribs, single and double beds are badly needed, Price said. Pickups of such furniture can be arranged by calling James Gilbert at 595-0288.

Other needed items include clothes, lamps, tables, living room chairs and couches.

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15-year-old charged in drive-by shooting

By AL POST
ANP Staff Writer

Three Detroit teens, including a 15-year-old who is accused of "peppering" a Romulus house with more than 20 bullets last Sunday morning, have been arrested and charged with first degree murder in the death of the grandson of Romulus Chamber of Commerce treasurer Jason Lovette.

The victim, Bayete Z. Elrod, 17, was shot about 2:35 a.m. Sunday. He died about an hour later. The death toll could have been much higher, Romulus police revealed, because among the nine or more persons inside the Whitehorn Street home at the time of the shooting were five small children between the ages of 3 months and 5 years.

Those gathered at the party had come to celebrate a birthday, police said, and had remained long after a bar-b-cue meal had been finished.

Rogalle ordered all three held without bond pending preliminary exam this Wednesday. A fourth man in the car involved in the drive-by shooting was not charged. He is expected to be called as a state witness.

Arrested late Tuesday afternoon before 34th District Court Judge Felix Rogalle were Nile Miles, 15, the accused gunman; Kofi Myler, 18, and Alan Bradley, 17, all of Detroit. Miles is being

treated as an adult in the court proceedings, police said.

In addition to the first degree murder charges, the three also were charged with assault with intent to murder. Miles also was charged with a felony firearm offense.

Rogalle ordered all three held without bond pending a preliminary exam this Wednesday. A fourth man in the car involved in the drive-by shooting was not charged. He is expected to be called as a state witness.

Romulus Detective Sgts. Gordon Malaniak and Dan Snyder co-ordinated the three-day probe.

Police reconstructed the Saturday evening-Sunday morning events in the investigation. They said that Myler reportedly had a conversation

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Holy Week Religious scenes depicted in wood

Worshippers at Trinity Episcopal Church will be aided in their Lenten devotions by wood and brass depictions of Holy Week events.

Parishioner Don Truran recently completed six weeks of woodworking on 14 oak and brass depictions of events of the last days of Christ, which are now on display in the sanctuary of the Belleville church.

"We hoped to have the 14 stations of the cross by Ash Wednesday, and Don completed them on the Monday before," said the Rev. John Hagan, rector. "The stations were first intended to be used as a Lenten devotional focus, but now we are planning to leave them on display in the sanctuary."

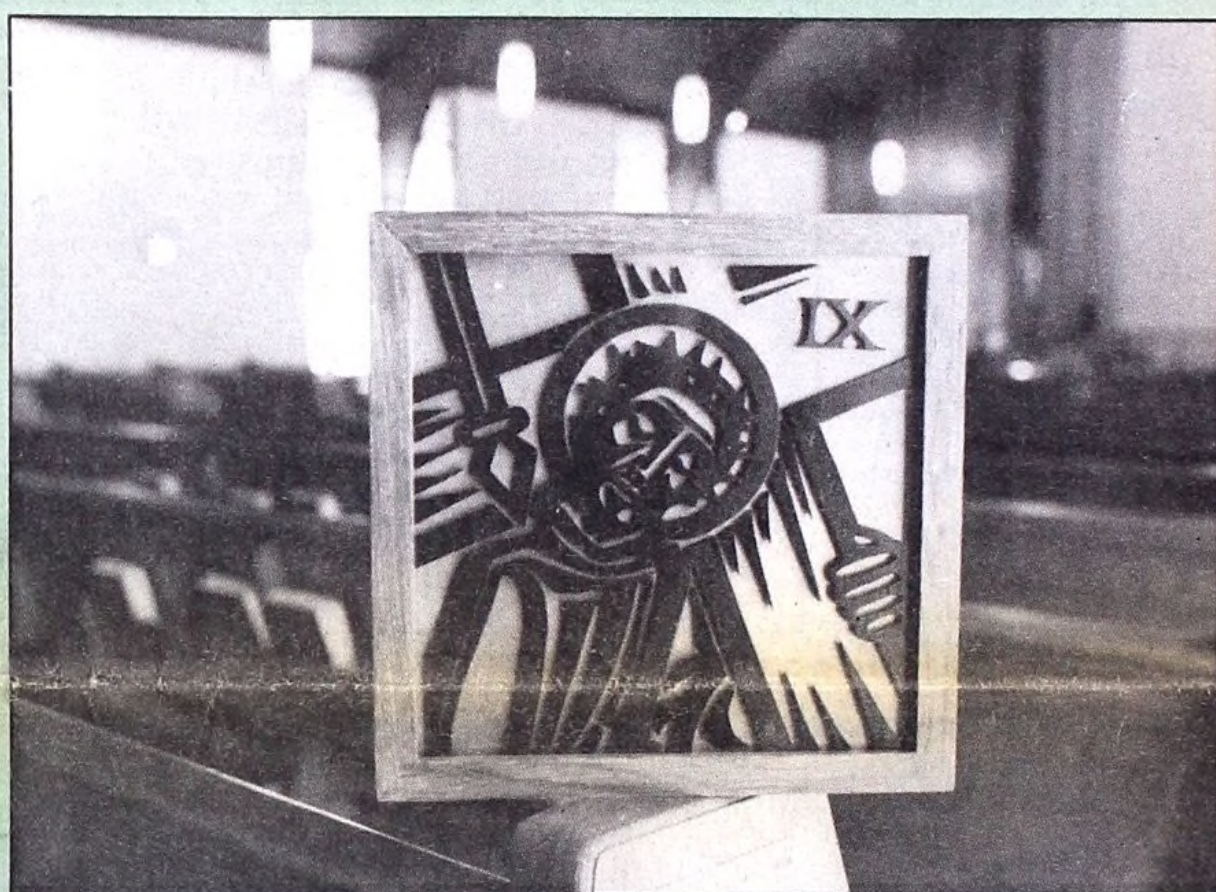
Father Hagan explained that the devotion known as The Way of the Cross is an adaption of a custom widely observed by pilgrims to Jerusalem. Prayers were offered at a series of places in that city traditionally associated with the passion and death of Christ. The number of stations varied at first, but was finally fixed at 14. Of these, eight are based directly on events recorded in the Gospels and the remaining six are based on inferences from the Gospel accounts or from pious legends, said Father Hagan.

"The pictures help worshippers to focus their prayers and thought on the event," the rector said. "The workmanship is very fine, and we are especially pleased that a member of our parish made them. Don is very talented."

Truran, who has been woodworking since his youth, has completed several projects for the church since his retirement. Among them are a wooden cross in the memorial garden and a large rack for parishioners' name tags.

"One year ago, I got wood block prints of the Stations of the Cross from Florida, and approached Don about making similar ones in wood," said Father Hagan. "He used copies of the prints as templates and used a jig saw to cut out the design. After the wooden figures were completed, he placed them on brass backgrounds and framed them in

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Details of the Ninth Station of the Cross, depicted in intricate wood work which was painted black, cut with a jig saw and then placed on a brass background, is displayed with the background of the sanctuary of the Trinity Episcopal Church. Craftsman Don Truran (left) and the Rev. John Hagan display two of the Stations of the Cross that Truran made for the Belleville church. ANP photo by Larry Divizio

By Joan Dyer Zinner



Misinformation may have delayed fire response

By JOAN DYER-ZINNER
Belleville City Editor

Response to a blaze which gutted 16 apartments in the Glenwood Orchards complex was apparently delayed by a series of calls which incorrectly identified the location of the fire.

At approximately 3:30 p.m. March 27, a fire broke out in Building 10 of the complex, which is located at Glenwood and Newburgh roads. The blaze spread throughout the 16-unit building causing \$1 million worth of damage to the units.

At a March 31 press conference, Westland Fire Department Lt. George Riley reported that the first call received on the March 27 fire was from a resident of the complex who said the blaze was at

Michigan and Newburgh roads. Because the caller incorrectly indicated the apartment complex was located in Wayne, the call was transferred to the Wayne Fire Department.

"Initial calls indicated a garage fire near Gilcrest was on fire," Riley reported, adding that other calls indicated the fire was at Glenwood Orchards and Schweitzer Elementary School. "Fire engines from Station 4 responded to Gilcrest, east of Newburgh, and were met by a citizen who redirected them to Glenwood Orchards Apartments."

Riley said the usual response time of three to four minutes increased to five minutes and five seconds because of the misinformation.

When firefighters arrived on the scene they found the blaze raging in the two-story unit.

"Incident command was established with the first arriving fire engine (1441) and a plan of attack on the fire was established. The fire had self-ventilated through the roof, and was rapidly expanding throughout Building 10," Riley said, noting that an aerial device was assigned to the southeast corner of the unit where the majority of the fire was in progress.

Compounding the problems faced by the firefighters was a mechanical failure which took place during the set-up of the aerial pumping device. Five hand-operated lines had to be deployed instead of the malfunctioning unit which could have pumped 1,250 gallons of water per minute.

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3 teens suspended following school stabbing

By AL POST
ANP Staff Writer

Three Romulus Senior High School girls have been suspended following an altercation inside a school restroom Thursday morning that included the use of a souvenir baseball bat and small steak knife.

According to Assistant Principal Michael Teasdale, the attack took place just before classes

opened at 10 a.m. Thursday. The delay in the school activities that day was caused by the accreditation process events, Teasdale explained.

The three girls included two sisters, ages 18 and 17, and a freshman aged 15, he said.

According to school and Romulus police reports, the girls all exited the school bus and walked toward the school shortly before classes began.

They began calling each other names, police

said, and then entered a girls' restroom inside the school, and the two sisters apparently began hitting and kicking the younger girl.

The 17-year-old sister, a 10th grader, also allegedly began to hit the younger girl with a small souvenir baseball bat.

Then suddenly the youngest girl pulled out a small steak knife and cut one of the sisters above

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oak. They appear to be very simple designs, but when you study them closely, you see that there is a lot of intricate work in them."

Truran noted that most of the materials used were available from his home workshop, but brass for two of the scenes

had to be purchased.

Although he has been offered payment for his project, Truran believes his artwork should be a gift to his church and the members.

"I like the effect that the dark-stained figures make against the brass. It gives a stained-glass look to them," Truran said, noting that he worked for more than six

weeks to complete the 14 wooden scenes. "The designs are plain, but when they are viewed from different angles, they appear differently to the viewers."

Stark and simple designs depict the sentencing to death of Christ at the first station and continue through the 14th scene where Christ is placed in his tomb.

MURDER

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with a teenage Romulus girl. The girl's boyfriend then confronted Myler and reportedly embarrassed him before the gathering.

Myler and another Detroit male left the party, police said, but returned some time later with two additional individuals, including Miles.

Myler, who was driving a 1991 Mercury Sable auto, reportedly stopped the car a short distance from the home where the party was still going on, police said.

Miles reportedly jumped out of the car, took a 30 caliber carbine out of the trunk and opened fire as the car slowly drove by the home.

Elrod was shot while he was in the living room, police said, possibly while playing a video game.

He reportedly stood up, walked into the dining room where most of the party goes were congregated, and col-

lapsed.

Someone called 9-1-1 and Romulus emergency medical technicians aided Elrod there and then rushed him to Annapolis Hospital in Wayne.

Reportedly he died about an hour later of wounds to the torso. He also was struck in the leg by a gunshot, police said.

Within a short time a full squadron of detectives, uniform police officers and special investigation team members were taking statements from the numerous witnesses at the scene, searching the neighborhood for clues

and seeking the four suspects.

Before the day was over, Myler and Bradley were arrested inside the Eastland Mall in Detroit, police said. Later Miles was apprehended at his home.

Elrod was a former Little Leaguer, Cub Scout, musician and artist.

The victim's funeral was held Wednesday morning at the Second Grace United Methodist Church of Detroit. He was buried in Romulus Cemetery.

Arrangements were completed by the Crane Funeral Home of Romulus.

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State closes Canton business

A Canton Township wood-chipping operation has been closed down by Michigan Attorney General Frank Kelley for violating state environmental laws.

Wood Recycling of America, 45012 Yost Road, was chained shut recently for failing to remove huge piles of rotting wood chips. Several sites were closed down for environmental offenses during the state-wide operation.

The owner of the firm is listed in township records as Steve Lambroff. He was unavailable for comment.



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Tigers promise 'whole new ball game'

By JOAN DYER-ZINNER
Belleville City Editor

Forget about the dismal pre-season games, the Tigers are ready to pounce on Oakland tomorrow in the first game of the 1993 season.

Just as in years past, pre-season hopes are high that the Bengals will chew up the opposition and emerge at the top of the standings in September.

Tiger owner Mike Ilitch has a new bag of tricks - fireworks and laser shows, giveaways of bats, hats and beach towels plus the newly opened Tiger Plaza, Tiger Den and Monday Kids Nights - to lure fans back to the corner of Michigan Avenue and Trumbull.

In addition to the jazz and razz-a-matazz, the Tigers are making growling noises about dethroning the World Champion Toronto Blue Jays in the American League Eastern Division this year.

When the Tigers return to Detroit for the April 13 season opener in Tiger Stadium, Van Buren Parks and Recreation Department secretary Shannon McQueer plans to be in the stands.

"When the season opens, I'll be there," said McQueer, who

has already arranged for a day off with her department head.

McQueer doesn't believe the Tigers will topple the Blue Jays this season, but she thinks they'll finish the season in second or third place.

"The Tigers have some good talent this season. They've got some great home-run hitters," McQueen said, adding that the Tigers still haven't overcome their pitching weakness.

"Don't worry about the pre-season games. The purpose of those games is just to give people a chance to play. A lot of the pre-season players are with the farm clubs now. It's the regular season that counts," McQueen said. "I think that all of the new things at the ball park will boost attendance."

McQueer isn't sure which of the special events will be the biggest drawing card for the Tigers.

"It depends on what people like. Some will go for the fireworks, and others will want the promotional items," she said.

Chesley Odom, owner of a Belleville design firm, takes the Tigers' slogan, "It's a Whole New Ball Game" seriously.

"I've been to Tiger Stadium recently, and there is a lot of work being done there. A lot of new things will be in place this season, and, I think, it will be a 'fun' season for fans," said Odom, a longtime season ticket holder. "When the Tigers say it will be a new game, they mean it."

Odom optimistically predicted that the Tigers will finish the season in second place.

"When you look back at the spring training season, it doesn't seem that there is much hope, but things can change quickly if they get some good pitching," Odom said.

In addition to viewing the opening game, Odom has been invited to an opening day party at the Fox Theater where ball park food will be served and guests will see a film of the 1982 Tigers.

Despite the fact that costs have increased at the stadium, Odom believes that interest and attendance will grow this season.

"People who can pay, will pay," the season ticket holder said. "The days of inexpensive baseball games seems to be over."

Odom believes the promotions - fireworks and souvenirs - will attract more fans to the stadium.

"They've taken a look at ideas that have been tried all over the U.S., and they are adopting the ones that have been successful elsewhere," Odom said. "Mike Ilitch is a smart businessman, and he is willing to do things to build excitement for the games, and, subsequently, build attendance. If you remember the end of the last season, the Tigers were able to fill up the bleachers with fans."

All opening day fans will receive a Tiger towel, and on April 15, baseball boosters will receive an Ernie Harwell cassette. Calendars will be presented to all fans at the April 16, 17 and 18 games with Seattle, and on April 20, every fan will receive a 1984 World Champion pin.

The first post-game fireworks show is slated for April 16, with others scheduled on June 4, June 11, June 18, July 2, July 23, Aug. 6, Aug. 20 and Sept. 3.

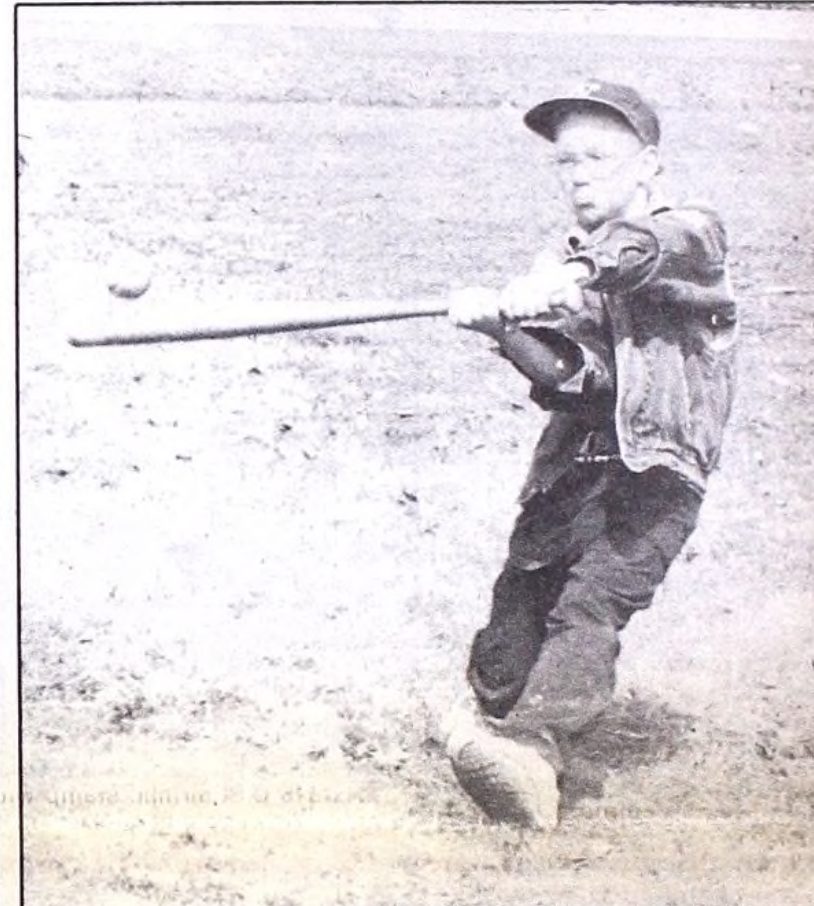
Tiger fans hope some of the fireworks will be displayed during the games as well as after.



Tara William (above) reaches for a fly ball during the Little League Baseball try-outs in Van Buren Township. Brian Stewart (below) takes a mighty swing at the ball and grimaces as he hopes for a hit on the playing field. ANP photo by Ken Garner



'Put it right there,' says Vickie Erickson as she holds her mitt up during the spring try-outs. She and dozens of area youngsters brought out their baseball bats and gloves for the Little League try-outs. The successful candidates will be on the fields this summer, playing the favorite pastime of Americans - young and old. ANP photo by Ken Garner



Jim Frey keeps a watchful eye on the youngsters seeking places on the minor teams to observe their batting and catching skills. ANP photo by Ken Garner

Little League ready to open season

"Play ball" will be the cry on May 1 when the Little Leaguers launch their season in Van Buren Township.

"We've got 614 kids signed up, and we could have 650 with late registrations," said Vicki Landon, wife of Van Buren Township Little League President Tom Landon. "We're up 40 kids from last year."

Landon said registration got off to a slow start, but as the weather turned warm, the calls began to come in.

"No one thinks about playing ball when it's cold and snowy, but when the first warm days arrived, the kids began to think about baseball. Last weekend, we had wonderful weather for our try-outs, and a lot of youngsters came out for them," she said.

"We added four beginning teams to our T-Ball group and

set up four teams of girls. We had wanted more girls' teams, including a traveling team, but we didn't get enough registrations. However, there are more girls participating every year. My daughter plays at North (Middle School)," said Landon, who oversees the Astros minor team and also operates a concession stand at the games.

Try-outs are staged prior to the season for 9- to 12-year-olds to qualify for the next step in the Little League program. After their batting and catching skills are assessed, some of the Little Leaguers qualify for the "majors."

"Our program starts with T-Ball for 6- to 8-year-olds. It's the place where they learn about playing ball - and have fun doing it," Landon said.

Youngsters graduate from T-Ball to the minors, then pro-

gress to the majors and the seniors. Little League also sponsors senior softball and major softball teams for players in their mid- to late-teens.

Western Wayne County communities offer softball and baseball programs for youngsters and adults:

- Westland Baseball Federation, try-outs for the summer teams were conducted at Jaycees Park on Saturday.

- Canton Softball Center begins its 1993 season on April 18 with men, women and co-ed teams competing in a 14-game spring season.

- Inkster Parks and Recreation Department will host a 7 p.m. April 8 meeting at the Inkster Recreation Complex to plan an adult men's Class "C" softball league. An adult co-ed

softball league is slated to begin May 22.

- Westland Youth Athletic Association will stage registrations for baseball, softball and T-Ball on April 8 and 10. The Saturday try-outs will be between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. at 6050 Farmington Road, two blocks north of Ford Road. The first game of the season is slated on May 8. Call Keith DeMolay at 722-1251 for additional information.

- Van Buren Recreation Department adult softball league begin play on the week of May 3. A men's church league, co-ed and Class D and E teams will compete on the softball field on Tyler Road behind the township hall. There are no residency requirements, but players must be at least 18.

How will the Detroit Tigers fare this season?

Questions and photos by Joan Dyer Zinner



Paul Denski, Recycler
"If lucky, they'll be sixth. They still don't have the pitching."



Keith DeMolay, Westland
"The Tigers will finish no higher than fourth place."



Chesley Odom, Designer/artist
"I'll optimistically predict second place."



Morsy Morsy, Care center administrator
"This won't be the year of the Tiger."



Shannon McQueer, Recreation secretary
"They'll end up in second or third place."



Walter Rochowiak, Florist
"They'll get out of their slump and finish second or third."

Pizza driver shot during robbery attempt

By CRAIG GARRETT
ANP Staff Writer

An apparent robbery attempt gone sour ended Sunday with the shooting of a delivery driver at a Westland location. Police investigators said Joseph Michael Gross, a 34-year-old Domino's Pizza driver, had just pulled his car to the curb from a delivery run to the Domino's carry-out store at 6030 N. Wayne Road when he noticed a lone man running at

him from the left. The man, around 6 feet tall and 180 pounds police said, was wearing a sheet or a pillow case over his head with a baseball cap on top as a disguise. Gross sounded a warning for employees to call the emergency 9-1-1 number as the man ran up. Seconds before the suspect got to the front door, police said, Gross managed to scramble inside. Pulling the door closed, the suspect latched onto the outside han-

dle and the two men wrestled for control. During the tug-o-war battle the suspect produced a small automatic handgun and aimed at Gross through a crack in the door. He fired once, striking Gross in the upper right chest and knocking him down. The suspect, police said, ran into the store evidently looking for other employees. While rummaging through the back of building, Gross managed to crawl out and hide behind sev-

eral newspaper stands. Police said the gunman was unable to locate money or other employees and fired off two rounds in anger with the small handgun. Westland rescue units transported Gross to Garden City Osteopathic Hospital. The .25 caliber slug passed through his right lung and lodged near the spine. He is expected to recover fully from his wound and is listed in stable condition. Westland police Sgt. Marc

Stobbe said a single shell casing was recovered from the scene. A perimeter check of the store roof and dumpster turned up nothing, Stobbe said. A description of the suspect was limited, he added. "Once in a blue moon they throw a gun on the roof rushing from a robbery," the veteran investigator said, "but we haven't found the weapon or the suspect." Witnesses with information are asked to call 721-6311.

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the left eyelid and punctured her right shoulder, according to reports. The knife victim was treated at the Annapolis Hospital emergency room, where several sutures were necessary to close both wounds. She was released to her parents.

Teasdale said all three were immediately suspended and face a school hearing (and possible expulsion) after the Easter week holiday.

Police Juvenile Officer Rose Cooper said since two of the participants are not juveniles, the Wayne County Prosecutor's office will handle the investigation follow-up as an adult criminal case.

Despite the severity of the incident, Principal Thomas Dolan said he was proud of the student body and staff reaction to the fight.

"There were no giggles nor joking about the matter in the hallways Thursday. Most of the student body were outraged with the girls involved in the fight, since they are working so hard to improve their school's image," Dolan explained.

Numerous local business executives (part of the Partnership for Education program) were inside the high school Thursday and didn't realize anything out of the ordinary had occurred that morning, Dolan said.

Significant problems between students have dropped tremendously this year, Dolan said, "and there were zero discipline problems at any of the school sponsored sporting events."

The student body was extra sensitive regarding the issue because many of them the day before had attended the funeral of fellow student Bayette "Yogi" Elrod, who had been shot to death last Sunday, Dolan said.

Elrod's family and other community members are determined that the 17-year-old will not have died in vain, his mother, Phyllis Elrod said.

They are asking students, parents and other community members to attend a special sensitivity meeting at the high school at 7 p.m. Tuesday, at which time students are being asked to speak out on what they need and expect from parents and other adults in society.

FIRE

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Mayor Robert Thomas said the malfunctioning unit had been repaired recently and tested before being put back in service. He speculated that an electrical problem had caused the failure, and indicated that its intermittent nature may have made the problem difficult to identify.

In response to rumors of improper procedures being used at the fire scene, Thomas requested that anyone who made a video taping of the first 30 minutes of the fire contact him. He said he would personally pick up copies of any fire tapes available and review them himself.

Thomas also issued a call for furniture, bedding, clothes and toys for the displaced apartment dwellers. The mayor said only one of the 15 families had insurance on their belongings.

The mayor said donations and aid have been provided by the Red Cross, Salvation Army, YMCA, Richardson Pharmacy and the United Methodist Church in Westland.

Pick up of large items can be arranged by calling the Dorsey Center, 595-0289.

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OBITUARIES

Dubisky, Alice

Alice Marie Dubisky, 76, of Romulus, died March 23, 1993 at Oakwood Hospital of Dearborn.

Born in Petersburg, Mich. Nov. 19, 1916, she was a retired receptionist for Manufacturer's Bank.

Survivors include her husband, Howard Dubisky; a daughter, Delores Eckman of Kalamazoo; a step-son, Harold (Sylvia) Dubisky of Romulus; a step-daughter, Mrs. Gerald (Carol Dawn) Ward of Lincoln; a sister, Bertha Senk of Florida; seven grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

She was predeceased by her first husband, Milton Huntley.

The funeral was at the Crane Funeral Home with the Rev. J.D. Landis, pastor of the Community United Methodist Church, officiating.

Interment was in the Romulus Cemetery. The family requests that memorials be sent to the Community United Methodist Church.

Salter, Cyrilla

Cyrilla A. Salter, 79, of Canton Township, died March 24, 1993 in Westland.

She was born Feb. 26, 1914 in Detroit and was a former homemaker and a member of St. Thomas a'Becket Church of Canton.

Survivors include a son, Michael G. of Canton; two daughters, Maureen A. Shumate of San Diego, Cal. and Kathleen C. Salter of Portales, N.M.; a sister, Janet Thompson of Farmington Hills; a brother, Charles Diamond of Flat Rock, and three grandchildren, John, Karen and Kelly Shumate, all of San Diego.

The funeral was at St. Thomas a'Becket Catholic Church with Father C. Richard Kelly Jr. officiating. Interment was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery of Southfield. The family requests that memorials be sent in the form of Mass offerings.

The arrangements were completed by the Vermeulen Memorial Trust 100 Funeral Home of Westland.

Carter, Irene

Irene Carter, 85, a retired nurse, died March 24, 1993 at The Hermitage in Alexandria, Va.

Born Aug. 7, 1907, she was the widow of Fred L. Carter.

Survivors include a daughter, Betsy A. Tunks; a brother, William Hunter, and two sisters-in-law, Emily and Ethel Hunter.

She also was predeceased by a brother, Camerson Hunter.

The funeral was at the Uht Funeral Home with the Rev. Robert Millar officiating. Cremation rites were accorded and burial was in the United Memorial Gardens of Plymouth.

White, Anna Rose

Anna Rose White, 56, of Wayne, died March 19, 1993 at her home.

Born Dec. 21, 1936 at Greenup, Ky., she was the daughter of Opal Hall Sweeney of Ashland and the late Spencer Sweeney.

She was an employee of the Ford Motor Co. of Wayne.

Other survivors include her husband, Raymond; five sons, Denver Nichols of Irish Hills, David R. White of Belleville, Paul R. White of Taylor, Raymond White Jr. of Garden City and Ronnie L. White of Ohio; a daughter, Connie Mosley of Portsmouth, Ohio; six brothers, Ronald, Gary, Harold and Samuel, all of Kentucky, and Eddie and Arthur of Ohio; six sisters, Shirley Royster, Kansas Riley, Mary Lou Copeland and Rebecca Hush, all of Ohio, Laura Scott of Florida and Ruth Wentland of Kentucky, and 16 grandchildren.

The funeral was at the Reed Funeral Home of Greenup, with the Rev. Robert Davis officiating. Burial was in the Baldrige Cemetery.

Zywicki, Hedwig

Hedwig Zywicki, 74, of Belleville, died March 24, 1993. Arrangements were completed by the David C. Brown Funeral Home.

Anderson, Henry

Henry Anderson, 80, of Wayne, died March 19, 1993 at Sinai Hospital.

He was a member of the Knights of Columbus.

Survivors include his wife, Jolanta; three sons, Thomas, Ronald and Skip; a

sister, Irene Lisaius; eight children, and six grandchildren.

The funeral was at Lents Funeral Home followed by a Mass at St. Hedwig Church. Interment was in St. Hedwig Cemetery.

Laine, Tommy

Tommy C. Laine, 62, of Houston, Tex., died March 21, 1993 at St. Joseph Hospital in Houston.

Born on March 2, 1932, he was a veteran of the Korean War.

Survivors include his wife, Janice Miank Laine of Houston; two sons, Thomas James and Frederick Laine, both of Houston; two

brothers, E. Clyde Jr. of Romulus and Charles of Franklin, Tenn.; and two sisters, Pat (Milo) Mayes of Taylor and Billie (William) Potts of Snellville, Ga.

The funeral was at the Crane Funeral Home with family members officiating. Interment was in Romulus Cemetery.

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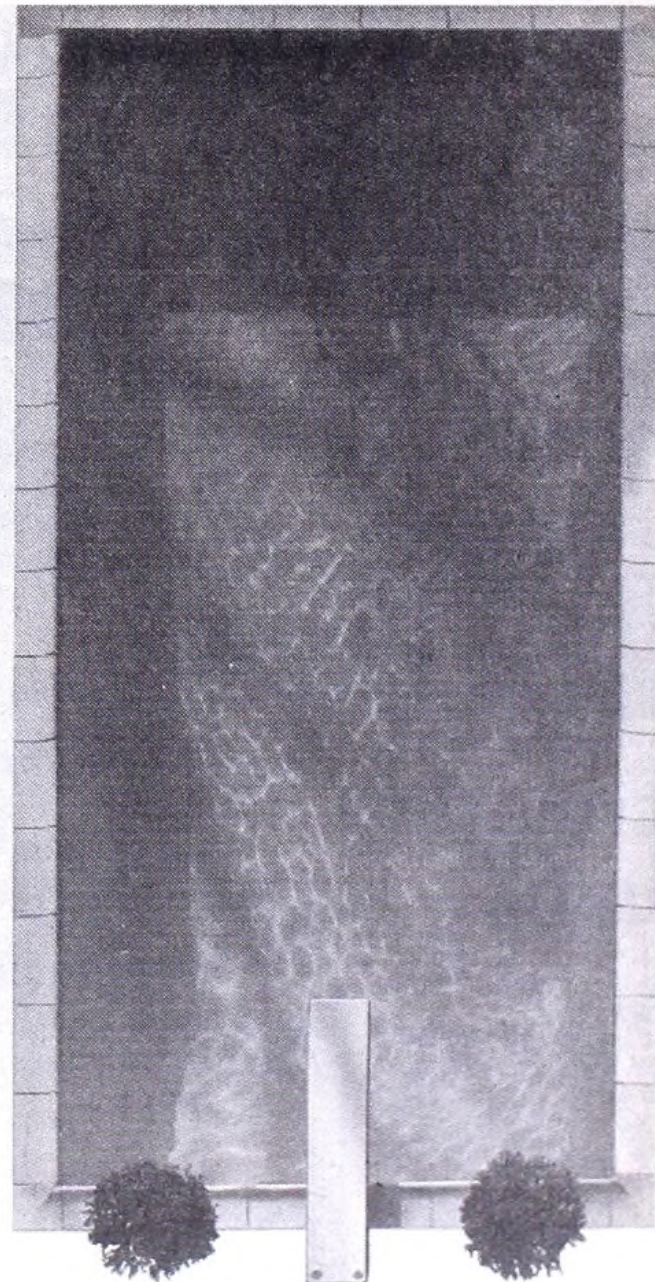
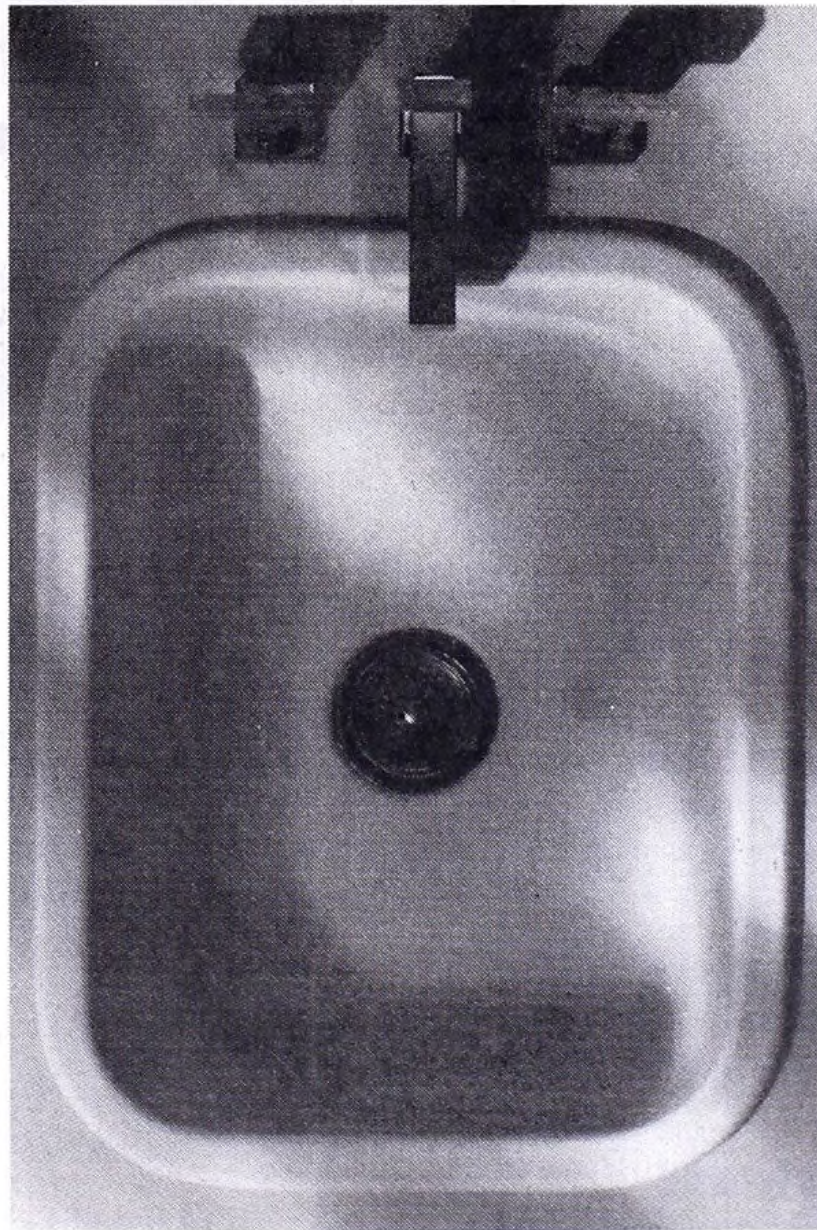
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Downsized 'Honey, I shrunk the house'

By JOAN DYER-ZINNER
Belleville City Editor

A Van Buren Township woman loves her home so much that had a scaled-down reproduction made of it - authentic from the wall decorations and fireplace to the mini-bowl for her pet cat.

"I always wanted a doll house, but I couldn't find one that I liked. Either they didn't appear to be sturdy enough, or they just didn't look right," said Shirley Staub of Elwell Road. "I heard about a woman in Charlevoix who makes doll houses and I contacted her about making a reproduction of my house."

Before the crafter could begin her four-month-long project, Staub shot a roll of film in her 47-year-old home to illustrate the placement of furnishings in the rooms. Blueprints were made of the house and accurate measurements of the distance between windows and doors were made for the crafter.

"The house was made to 1/12 scale, and is accurate in every detail. Wall plugs and light switches are placed in the doll house exactly where they are in my house," Staub said. "Although the crafter did most of the work, I finished the doors and woodwork so that I could have a part in the project."

The finished product is a work of art with details such as sliding doors on a wardrobe and a shoe drawer that slides open. The doll house bathroom is decorated with the same - but scaled-down - pattern as the one in Staub's house and has a tiny bottle of Oil of Olay on the shelf.

Currently, the doll house is decorated with miniature Christmas trimmings, but Staub is preparing to replace them this week with Easter decorations - must to the delight of her grandchildren who await each season change in the doll house.

"I decorate the house for every season. In the summer, I have a miniature watermelon and picnic foods that I place outside the doll house. In fact, this summer, I'll put a miniature six-pack of beer on the patio," Staub said.

Staub's interest in the doll house is a labor of love, reflecting the memories she has of living most of her adult life in the house.

"I've got a lot of wonderful memories of this house. Some sad ones, too, but I try to put them out of my mind and concentrate on the good ones," she said.

"This house was the dream of my first husband and I," said Staub, relating the story of meeting Chalmers Bruder when she was a teenager and later marrying him.

When he returned home from military service with a medical discharge, the young couple started to build their dream house, living in the basement while the upper portion of the house was being built. He died, leaving the young widow and four small children, ages 3, 5, 7 and 9.

"I didn't know quite what to do. I had these small children to take care of, and the house

wasn't paid for," Staub said. "Then, Al came by to visit me." After meeting him, she quickly called her mother to inquire as to the character of the gentleman, who made his living by hauling milk. "Respectable," was her mother's evaluation.

She told of Albert Staub, 12 years her senior, courting her and eventually marrying her and raising the children in the home that also became Albert Staub's dream house.

"He added a dormer, built the barns and did a lot of work on the house," she said.

A stroke disabled her husband in 1990 and he died 13 months later in the Elwell Road house.

"While he was sick, I'd have someone come in to stay with him for a few hours, and I'd work on my doll house. It was

kind of therapy for me to work on it," Staub said. "It's not quite finished yet. There are a few more things that I'd like to get for it, but I'm being pretty selective now about the miniature that I buy. I only buy special ones that really fit in with the house."



Shirley Staub compares the decor of her house to the scale-model of her Elwell Road home. At the left is a scaled-down duplicate of the lantern that decorates the outside of her house. ANP photo by Ken Garner

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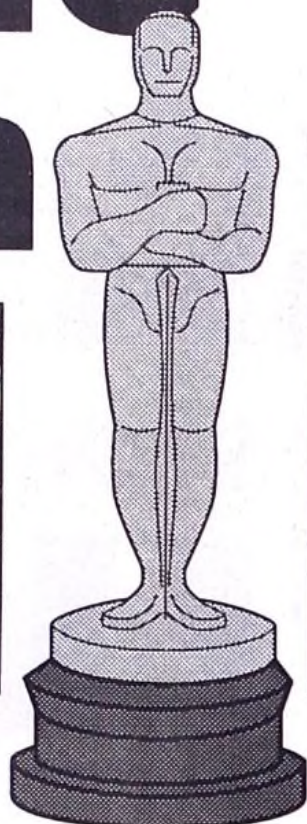
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Oscar

It was a night to remember. Hundreds of stretch limousines caused traffic jams and thousands of onlookers waited outside the doors hoping to catch a glimpse of their favorite stars.

For one Oscar nominee, however, March 29 was the biggest night in his 31 years.

Former Westland resident Doug Chiang was so excited he and girlfriend Liz Hanks arrived more than five hours early for the Academy Awards presentation in the required stretch limousine.

Chiang was one of four members of the George Lucas' Industrial Light and Magic special effects team who won the Oscar for the artistic scenes in *Death Becomes Her*. Chiang was the art director on the project.

"We were very excited about the nomination," Chiang said. "We had no idea we were going to win. We didn't have dinner before the show. We pretty much stayed at the hotel until we left. We arrived at the Academy Awards entrance about 3:30 p.m."

Chiang said he wasn't very nervous until the morning of the Oscar program.

"We were seated at a table next to Gene Hackman and Cindy Crawford," Chiang said. "We weren't able to talk to them. They were pretty much in their own world."

As Chiang and his co-workers waited anxiously for their award category to be announced, he said he enjoyed looking around at all the celebrities.

The presenters this year weren't dressed as outrageously as in previous years, according to Chiang.

Geena Davis attracted a lot of attention with her low-cut black evening gown, and Diane Keaton drew a few raised eyebrows when she appeared on stage wearing a white pant suit and a beret.

"Everyone was actually dressed very elegantly," Chiang said.

When Chiang's name was announced along with the other three co-workers, he said he was prepared.

"We had practiced what we were going to say the night before in my room," Chiang said. "When one person was done, they would give a cue word for the other person to start so we were all able to say our 'thanks' without running out of time."

Chiang said he practiced holding a hair spray bottle to get the feel of holding an Oscar.

"We just wanted to be prepared for everything," Chiang said. "When I finally got to hold the Oscar, it was pretty heavy. It actually weighs 13 pounds."

"It's been quite an exciting year for me," Chiang said. "That movie was wonderful to work on. I enjoy taking an idea and going as far as I can with it."

After the awards presentation was completed, the excitement of the evening continued as Chiang and his co-workers attended a handful of Oscar parties.

"We went to the governor's ball and then we were invited to Spagos where we were seated next to Billy Crystal, Rob Reiner and Jack Palance," Chiang said. "Again, we weren't able to talk to anyone because they were so engrossed in their own conversations."

"I didn't mind because I was just enjoying observing everything."



Doug Chiang was the art director for *Death Becomes Her*. In the flick Goldie Hawn and Meryl Streep fight for the same man (Bruce Willis). In one scene Willis pushes Streep down a flight of stairs. She survives because she drank a potion which gives her unending life. The only setback from the fall is her head is now twisted backwards. ANP Special Photo

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Legislators disagree about new state sales tax proposals

Stressing that "the property tax cut-sales tax increase proposal was nothing more than a tax shift," two local legislators were among the 18 state House members who voted against HJR 6 (House Joint Resolution 6).

The proposal, which was approved 74-18 after a 17-hour marathon session, will need voter approval, to become law. The proposal would offer substantial property tax cuts at the expense of a 2 cent state sales tax increase. Presently, consumers pay a 4 percent sales tax. That will go up to 6 percent if the proposal is approved by state voters.

Representatives Bill Keith (D-Garden City), whose district includes Wayne and Inkster, and Justine Barns (D-Westland) were among the minority who voted against the proposal in the House.

The state Senate approved its version of the bill, 31-4, with William Faust (D-Westland) casting his vote with the majority.

The proposal will go to the voters on June 2. While the property millage rate would be capped and rolled back, future property assessments would be tied to the rate of inflation.

Keith voted against the proposal because the proposal is a tax increase and would not solve the school finance problems or address the problem of "equity in school financing", according to a spokesperson in his Lansing office. The spokesperson added that if the proposal became law, it would increase taxes an estimated \$650 million on individuals over a period of the next three years, according to Keith's fig-

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ures. In the first year alone, individuals would be forking out an additional \$370 in taxes, Keith stressed.

Keith, who chairs the House Committee on Education, has been one of the architect's of a bipartisan legislative team (BLT) plan. The BLT plan would make property tax cuts by raising the state income tax. There are at least five other property-tax proposals on the legislative agenda which apparently will be placed on the backburner until the voters decide the fate new package. The plan to substantially cut Michigan property taxes and reform school finances was approved by the state House of Representatives early Wednesday. The plan, said Rep. Deborah Whyman (R-Canton), "will lead Michigan to stronger economic growth and educational opportunity."

Whyman further added that if state voters approve a June 2 proposed sales tax increase (4 to 6 percent) and a constitu-

tional amendment to limit property taxes, "it will address Michigan's struggle to bring long-needed school finance and property tax reform."

"This plan," Whyman added, "reduces Michigan's dependence on property taxes at the state and local level and improves the state ranking in comparison with national averages. That means Michigan education and business would have a stronger position in today's competitive economy."

The proposed legislation, Whyman said, would:

- Reduce school operating millage to 18 mills beginning this year and allow districts to levy up to 9 additional mills with voter approval.

- Raise the state sales tax from 4 to 6 cents and dedicate the additional 2 cents to the state school-aid fund. State lottery net proceeds also would be dedicated to the school-aid fund.

- Guarantee \$4,800 in per-pupil spending in every K-12 school district.

- Limit property tax assessment increases to 5 percent or the rate of inflation.

Dr. John Hoben, superintendent of the out-of-formula Plymouth-Canton school district, said the measure is a "knee-jerk reaction."

"We'll see an added \$774,000 in (school) revenue," Hoben said, "but picking up employee FICA (Federal Insurance Contribution Act) and retirement payments will cost the district an additional \$4.2 million this year alone. We're still going to need 4 mills (up for a June 14 vote). The rich continue to get richer and districts like ours, who have managed fiscal responsibility, are penalized."



All aboard

Five-year-old Anthony DiVizio (top) closely inspects model railroad cars during the Railroadiana sales and swap meet recently. More than 90 toy and train dealers were on hand for the special event March 21 at the Fr. Andrew Nieckarz Social and Academic Hall in Westland. Also featured were operating train and trolley layouts, plus train videos for Westland scale model train enthusiasts like Tim Sturm (left), Ken and Lil Gilbert and 2-year-old Jeriah Kozlowski (right). The event was sponsored by the SS. Simon and Jude Church.

Sentencing scheduled for area men

Two area residents are expected to be sentenced April 20 before Detroit Wayne County Recorder's Court Judge Michael Sapala.

Bradly S. Strickland of Wayne and Eric J. Selix of Westland were arrested by Wayne police March 9 for allegedly breaking and entering into the Squeaky Clean estab-

lishment at 3534 Van Born Road in Wayne.

The two were allegedly assisted by Bradly J. Delph of Wayne. Delph is expected to appear for a disposition conference April 6 before Sapala.

"They broke into a coin-operated dispenser," Wayne police Lt. Mel Drews said.

"They entered the establishment after midnight March 8."

All three suspects appeared for an examination March 15 before 29th District Court Judge Carolyn Archbold and a \$1,000 personal bond was set.

Strickland and Selix could receive up to three years in prison, according to Drews.

Reel winner Wayne resident picks Oscar stars

When Robert Prpich submitted his entry in the Reel Challenge, he correctly named four of the six Oscar winners.

The Wayne resident predicted Oscars for *The Unforgiven* as the best film, Clint Eastwood for his direction of the same film and Gene Hackman for his supporting role in it. Prpich also correctly predicted that Marisa Tomei would receive an Oscar for her supporting role in *My Cousin Vinny*.

He missed on his predictions for the best actor award, which went to Al Pacino for *Scent of a Woman*, and for the best supporting actress, which was awarded to English actress Emma Thompson for *Howards End*.

Prpich's entry was the only one which correctly identified four winners, and he will receive six movie passes for two, or 12 tickets, as the top prize winner.

The four second-place prizes, who will receive two, or four tickets each, are: Beverley Carrier of Westland, Robert Matheny of Westland, Judith Crayson of Westland and Mary Ellen Buckle of Belleville. Other Oscars were awarded



Robert Prpich

to Neil Jordan for the original screenplay of *The Crying Game*, Alan Menken for his original score of *Aladdin* and an Oscar was awarded to *Whole New World*, an original song from *Aladdin*.

Oscars were also awarded for: *Howards End*, adapted screen play and art direction; *Indochine*, foreign film; *A River Runs Through It*, cinematogra-

phy; *Bram Stoker's Dracula* for costume design, makeup and sound effects editing; *Last of the Mohicans*, sound and *Death Becomes Her*, visual effects.

Former Westland resident Doug Chiang shared honors for the visual effects Oscar for his art direction of the special effects for *Death Becomes Her*.

Wayne resident Robert Prpich was very pleased to have won the *Associated Newspapers* Oscar contest.

Prpich, 14, is an eighth grader at Franklin Junior High School in Wayne. He said he enjoys watching movies.

"My favorite actor is Clint Eastwood which is why I voted for him," Prpich said. "His real good at the roles he plays. He really knows how to get into his characters."

Prpich enjoyed watching the Oscar show. He thought there were several comical moments.

"My second favorite movie was *Army of Darkness*," Prpich said. "There were a lot of special effects in the movie I liked."

OSCAR

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Chiang said his Oscar is now standing proudly in his home in San Francisco. He is waiting for the Academy Awards officials to send him his official name tag.

"My parents, who are overseas right now, watched me receive the award in Taiwan," Chiang said. "They were also very excited for me."

Although Chiang is now a member of an elite group of celebrities, he got right back to work the next day on a commercial project for Malaysia Airlines.

Chiang is a John Glenn High School and William D. Ford Vocational Technical Center graduate. His special effects talents have been seen in other Hollywood films including *Ghost* and *Terminator II*.

His former Voc Tech media production teacher, John Prusak, was very proud of him. "There is a moment when you can't really believe it's

happening," Prusak said. "Someone you know going up there before a billion people, it was absolutely amazing. He is an exceptionally talented person. I know he is a well-deserving person of this award."

Chiang first attracted public attention with a unique animated film which had quarrelsome little space creatures that looked suspiciously like ping pong balls.

"His film was a winner at the Michigan Student and Film and Video Festival in the late 1970s when he was about 13 years old," Prusak said. "*Mental Block*, a film produced while he was a student, earned him a new car in the Nissan/Focus Film Festival."

Chiang attended UCLA after graduating from high school where he continued his studies in film.

"Once I got out of school I started working on commercials for Digital Productions," Chiang said. "I started freelancing on various projects. One of them was *Back to the Future II*."

In *Death Becomes Her* Goldie Hawn and Meryl Streep fight for the same man (Bruce Willis). In one scene Streep blasts a hole in Hawn with a shotgun. Hawn doesn't die because she drank a potion which gave her unending life.

Hawn walks around the room yelling at Streep with a hole in her stomach through which the other side of the room can be seen. Chiang said it took a bit of digital maneuvering to attain that special effect.

"That was a digital composition which involved plate photography," Chiang said. "The hole itself was cut out with computer graphics."

Chiang said he is one of six art directors on the Industrial Light staff which produced more than a dozen special effects for the *Death* production. "I've always enjoyed movies even when I was a kid," Chiang said. "When I met John (Prusak), it just enhanced my love for film even more."

Chiang would like to challenge producing and directing a movie on his own one day.

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Area inventors 'score big'

By CRAIG GARRETT
ANP Staff Writer

Jon Varnhagen loves a game of pickup basketball—literally. The 35-year-old Canton Township man is in New Orleans this weekend during NCAA college finals promoting a unique basketball apparatus (patent pending) he co-designed with nephew Jason Parr. *Pickup Hoops*, a portable and collapsible basketball pole and backboard mounted in the bed of a pickup truck, is about to bounce onto the billion-dollar sports market this spring.

"It folds down like a convertible car," said Varnhagen, a Chrysler truck design engineer by trade, "and fits in the back of any size pickup truck. We've worked out the bugs and it's ready for the public."

School and community basketball courts, Varnhagen said, have slowly dwindled over the years primarily because of vandalism and teen violence. Parr, a confirmed 25-year-old "basketball nut," approached his uncle in Oct. 1991 with a proposal to build something similar to *Pickup Hoops* for the bed of his small truck. Can't find a hoop, Parr said, have the hoop find you.

"I thought it was a neat idea," said Varnhagen. "Jason had asked his boss if the company would install a basketball net, but got turned down. And there aren't any places left to play. It was one of those things that went 'bing' in our minds. We had a prototype together two months later."

The base of the device is secured to a truck bed with four bolts and is designed to allow even the largest backboard to fit with excess space. Using no tools, an owner can have the unit up and ready for three pointers within minutes in

four easy steps. It reaches full regulation height of 10 feet, but can be adjusted to 8 feet for youngsters. Varnhagen said the rim extends 4 feet from the truck bed and for added safety a thick truck-gate pad is available for the Dennis Rodman's of pickup basketball.

Varnhagen expects to receive a full patent for *Pickup Hoops* this summer, later adding a home model securing to the ground in a similar fashion.

The 65-pound invention, priced at around \$350 (minus basketball), has attracted national media finding itself in *Car and Driver* as a 10 best car trick and in *USA Today*. Dick Purtan also has done several

Pickup Hoops parodies over radio waves in recent weeks.

The pair are staging three-on-three outdoor roundball tournaments through tomorrow during Final Four collegiate play in Louisiana. Varnhagen calls the contests "Final 4 by 4's" (as in pickup truck).

Major sporting goods manufacturers have been contacted for possible licensing, but for the time being Varnhagen and Parr will continue building and marketing *Pickup Hoops* themselves.

"We're doing it the American way," said Varnhagen. "You produce something no one else has and sell it. And there's no telling where you can go from there."



Jon Varnhagen and his nephew, Jason Parr, hope to score big with their new invention for intrepid basketball enthusiasts which fits in the bed of a pickup truck. ANP photo by Ken Garner

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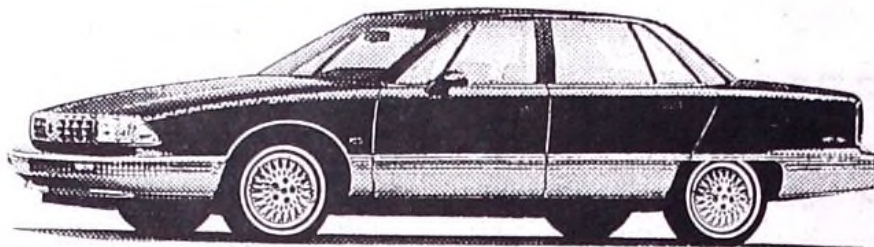


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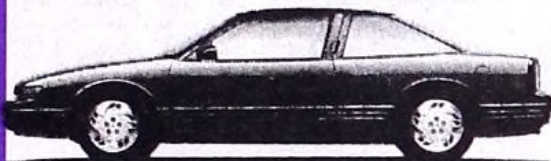


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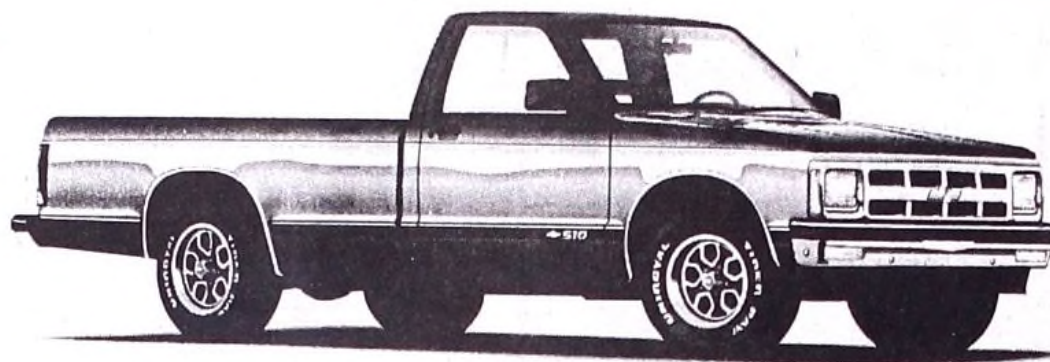
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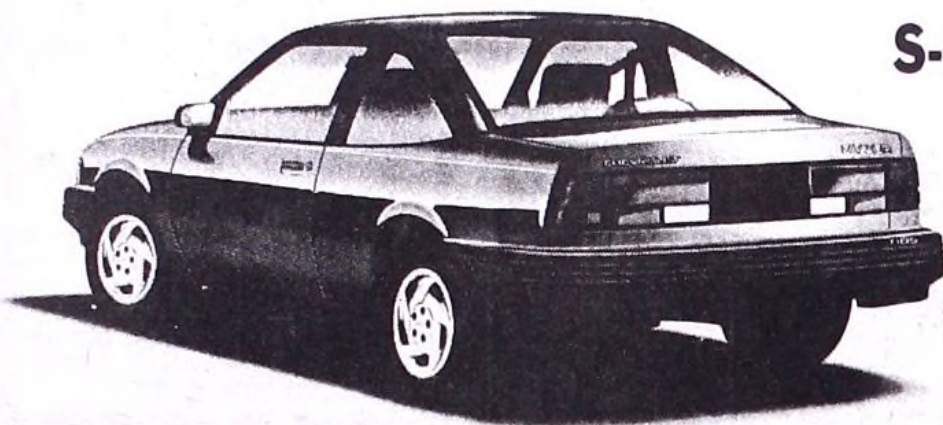
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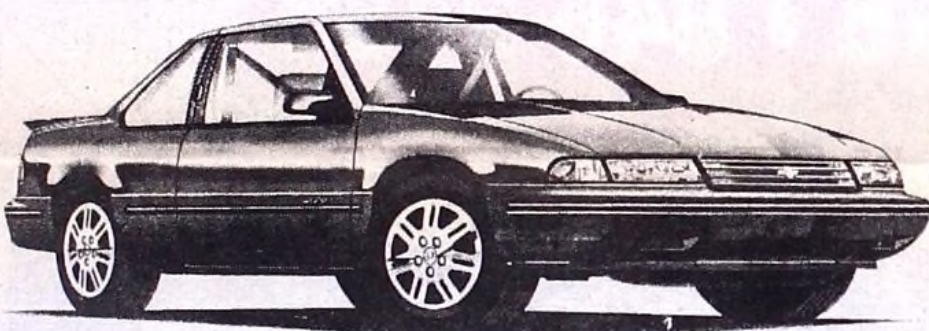
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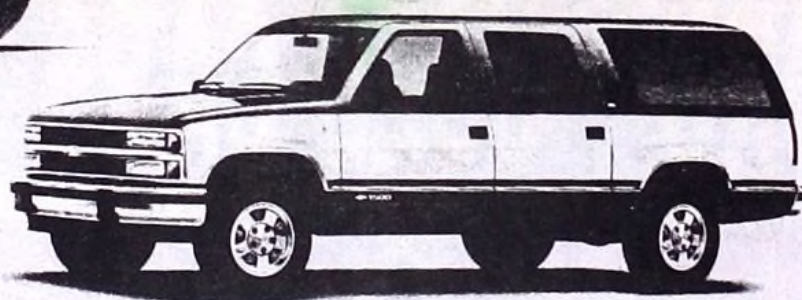
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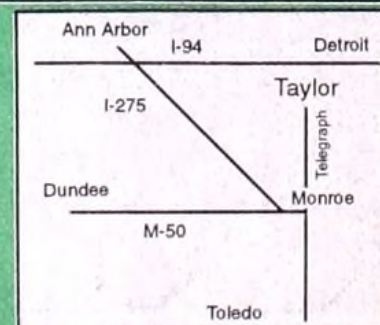
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